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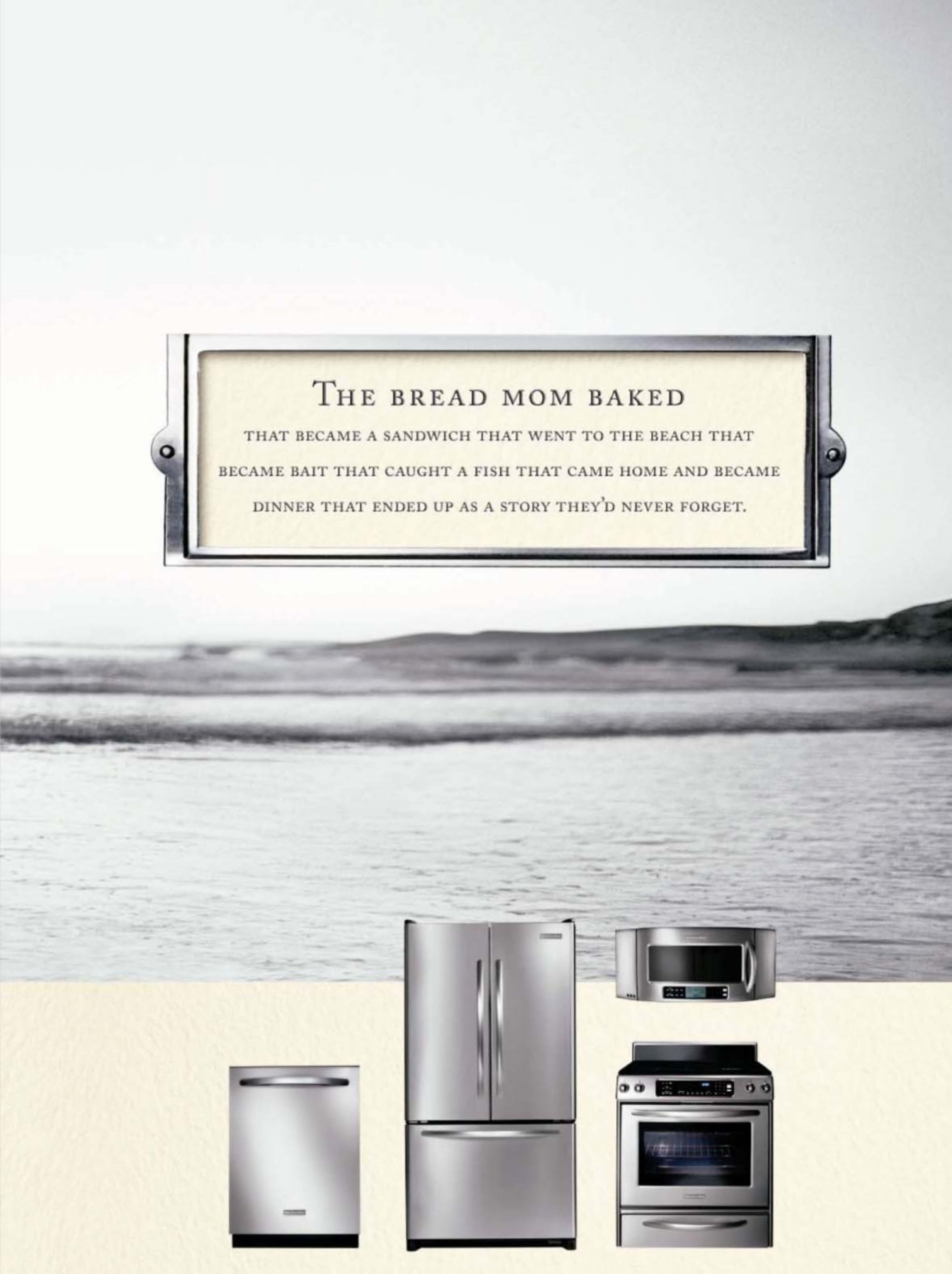
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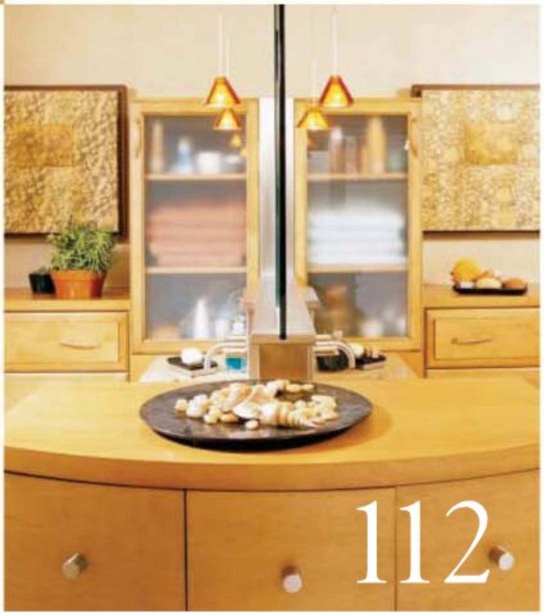

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Well-Made Plans

"What's the best floor plan for a kitchen?" is a question I field regularly from readers. My response, "It depends," may hardly sound like an authoritative editorial dictum, but it's a point beyond debate.

The most important factor in determining the optimal layout of this ultra-busy room is self-awareness. If you take the time to thoroughly and objectively analyze how you use your kitchen, the design of the space on paper will largely fall into place. The next step is to develop an architectural scheme that supports your lifestyle.

Let me offer a detail from my own kitchen remodeling as an example. I like to cook, I use fresh ingredients, and at home there are just two of us. Translation: I have a limited need for a freezer. So, in a decision that will strike some as radical, we chose an undercounter model that is all of 6.2 cubic feet. (No, that's not a typo: six point two.) Because the fridge is so compact, it can stand as a very convenient, albeit very simple, island in our 12'×10'7" room. Doubtless this won't do for most households, but working in—and enjoying—a space tailored for the way *you* live is nothing less than a joy.

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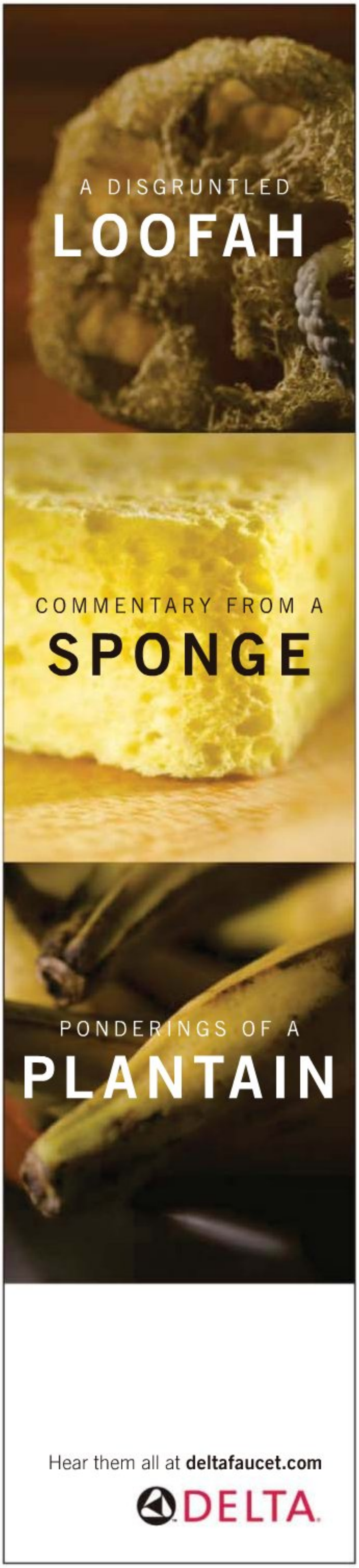

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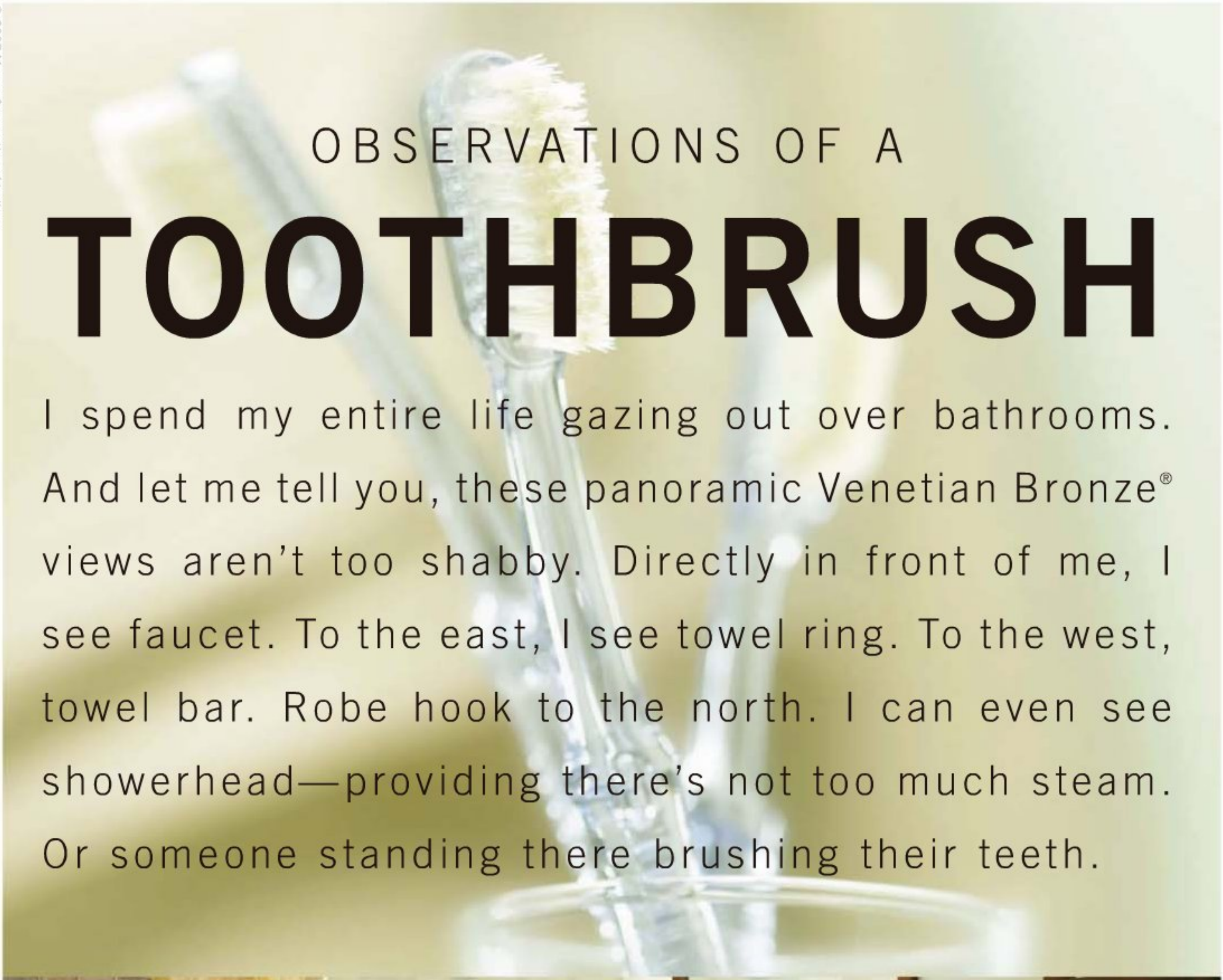

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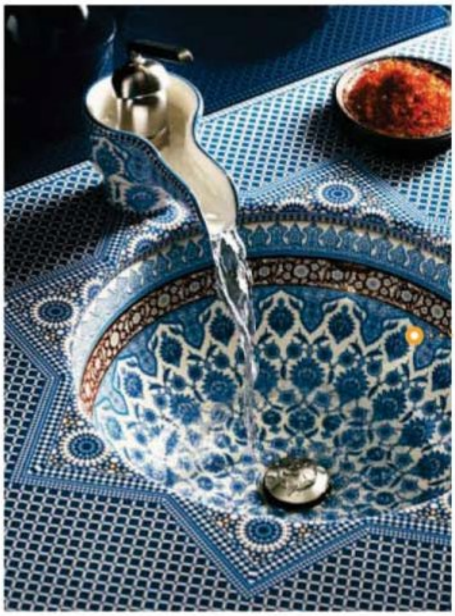

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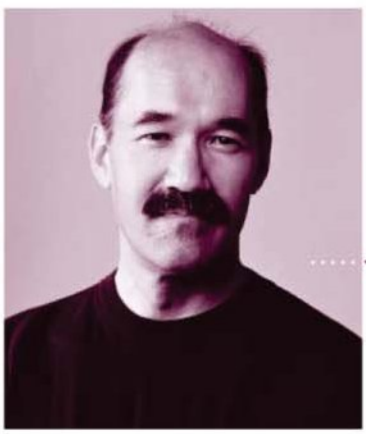


SCOTT STULTZ

Designer, owner of Scott A. Stultz & Associates, Marietta, Pennsylvania

"I see knockoffs of Italian minimalism in every showroom. It's done a lot, but it's not done well," Stultz says. "True minimalism is wonderful; it's all about perfect proportions, which means you have to be very good with line, rhythm and repetition." Stultz advises his clients to avoid cheap renditions. It comes down to this: If you can't do it well, don't do it at all.

LAURA BOHN

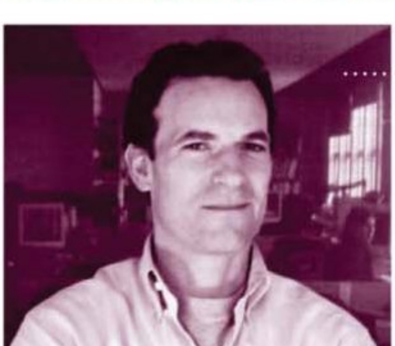
Interior designer and owner of Laura Bohn Design Associates, New York City

Bohn loves the look of a true Tuscan kitchen; that is, one that looks like an actual kitchen in Tuscany, or one that uses true Tuscan materials like rough-edged real limestone. But the trend toward faux Tuscan is a tired one, she says. "Anything that looks tumbled or fake—just avoid it. It's incredibly dated and doesn't resemble what's really going on over there," she says.

JOAN KOHN

Author of *Joan Kohn's It's Your Kitchen*, Chicago

"Manufacturers tend to push color, but following color trends for your more permanent fixtures can be risky," Kohn says. Turquoise and pink may be great accent colors but Kohn wouldn't choose either for an appliance or major bathroom fixture. Also, though she is a big fan of design magazines, Kohn advises consumers not to feel obliged to try everything they see in the pictures; rather, they should try to understand what will work in their own spaces.



CASS CALDER SMITH

Architect and owner of Cass Calder Smith Architecture, San Francisco

"I think nostalgia, or design that copies a previous place and time, is to be avoided," Smith says. It doesn't mean that the past can't inspire, but it shouldn't hinder creativity. Smith thinks it's much more interesting and fresh to see designers doing new things that are both practical and beautiful, without getting trapped by an image of the past.

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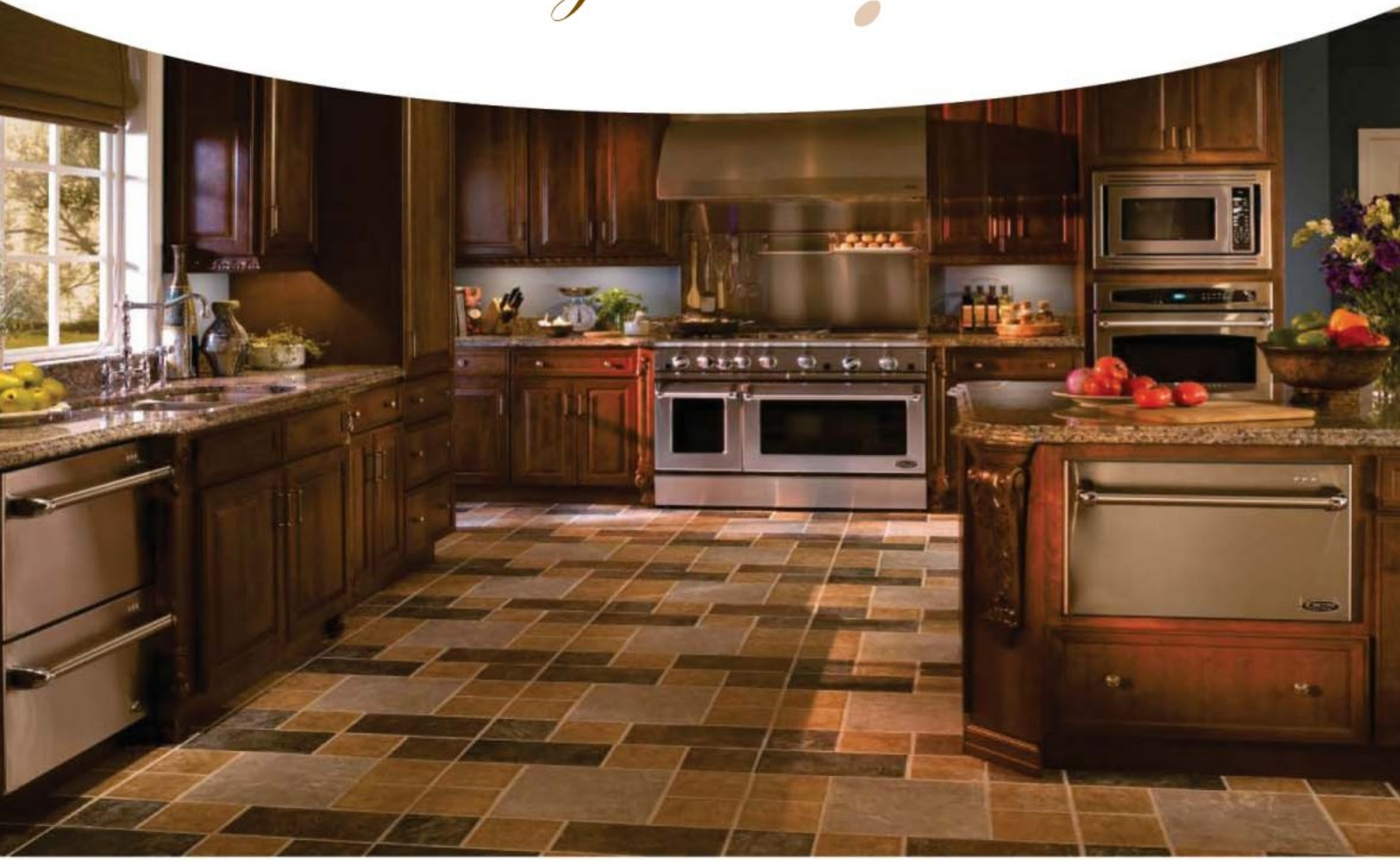

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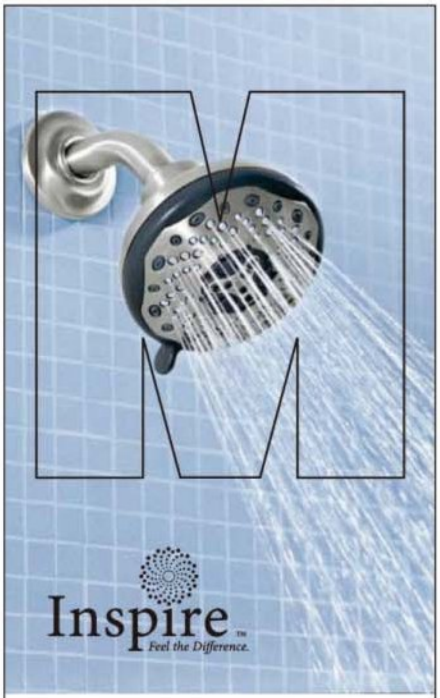

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CLODAGH

Designer and owner of Clodagh Design, New York City

"Avoid all trends," Clodagh says. "Because they're so costly and consume so much energy to install, kitchens and baths should last for at least 20 years," she says. After all, the kitchen is the hearth of the home, and the bathroom is the water element. Clodagh uses a principle she calls Silent Design for both spaces—she chooses the best and simplest appliances and fixtures, avoiding outrageous color and pattern.

MICK DE GIULIO

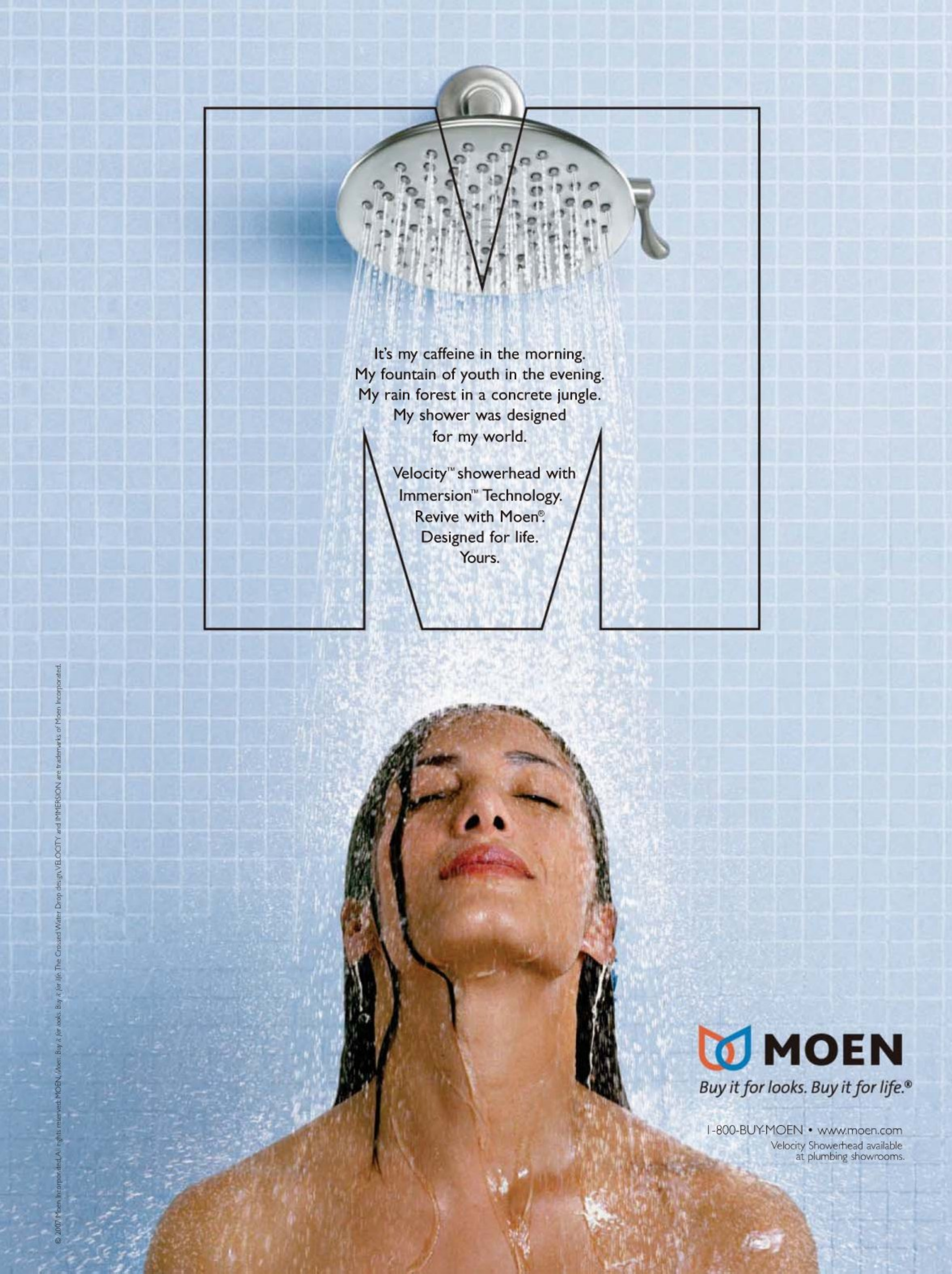
Kitchen designer and owner of De Giulio Kitchen Design, Chicago

De Giulio recommends steering clear of anything that purports to be the hot thing of the day. "Ask yourself this: Will you still appreciate it 10 years from now? Or will it lose its personality in five years?" he says.

HEIDI KARPA

Host of original broadband content for HGTV KitchenDesign.com, Chicago

"I always try to avoid the matchy-matchy trend," Karpa says. For example, banks of floor-to-ceiling cabinets that all look the same can leave a kitchen feeling stale and uninteresting. Instead of using all the same wood tones and hues, Karpa would rather see variations in texture and color. "There has been such an explosion in modular cabinet design—people should really take advantage of this," she says. ◆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Los Angeles–based professional organizer Jill Pollack has appeared on *The Tyra Banks Show*, *The Mom Show*, *Bridezillas* and in several magazines. Here, Pollack's hints on keeping your laundry headquarters tidy.

◆ **FOLD IT RIGHT THERE** Every laundry room should have a flat surface for sorting and folding clothes. A drop-down panel mounted on the wall can do the trick if you don't have the space for a counter or freestanding table. Always fold clean clothes promptly. Not only will you decrease wrinkling, but rifling through piles during the morning rush is not the way you really want to start your day, is it?

◆ **ONCE AND FOR ALL** Declare one day a week laundry day. Full loads mean less traffic in the laundry room, and are a more efficient use of water, energy and time. Small piles throughout the week just clutter things up and add to the mess in the laundry room.

◆ **AS PRETTY DOES** Nothing motivates you to stay organized like a space that already looks great. Paint the laundry room walls a light, bright color and stash dirty clothes in attractive wicker baskets. A cork board with colorful tacks makes a cute and out-of-the-way home for matchless socks. A pretty tin box can catch coins, keys and other pocket finds. ◆

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A room with charm feels comfortable and has a sense of individuality. Creating this atmosphere, however, involves careful touches, and taste plays a huge role. Hello Kitty cookie jars make some people smile but others wince. By the same token, colored crystal is classy for some, but too fussy for others. Chicago designer Jessica Weinstein Kalina offers these tips for putting your stamp on a space.

BATHS

1 **ACCENT WITH TILE.** Tile is a great way to add character without overdoing it. Beach lovers can add a blue border to evoke waves. Tile's vast selection allows easy self expression.

2 **GET ALL WARM AND FUZZY.** Area rugs give a bath more of a living room feel, and stained or passé rugs couldn't be easier to replace. If rugs aren't for you, check out bath mats in materials such as bamboo or teak.

3 **WOOD WOULD BE NICE.** Neutral colors are safe for resale, but a wood finish improves the welcoming value. One chair or side cabinet can liven up a monochrome room.

4 **WHITE ISN'T ALWAYS RIGHT.** In a small space, white can be too stark. "Color is trending toward seaside-inspired palettes," says Weinstein Kalina. Bright blues, greens and yellows create a breezy spirit, and more muted shades can perk up the mood.

5 **MAKE A SCENE.** A hand-painted mural is a terrific way to breathe life into a small bathroom. The artwork should depict a friendly and relaxing setting—a favorite vacation spot could be an inspiration. Search the Web for "trompe l'oeil murals" to get ideas.

6 Color up the tub. Claw-foot tubs provide a distinctive look, but for more pizzazz, paint the outer skin. Some tubs come primed for this purpose. Add a stately solid color, or jazz up the joint with flowers, clouds—you name it.

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7 Go old-school. Turn castoffs into treasures. Weinstein Kalina made a light fixture using old candlesticks, jars, glasses and beads. "With a little rummaging through the attic, your space can become an expression of you," she says.

KITCHENS

8 CELEBRATE YOUR PASSIONS. If you like cows, you don't need wallpaper, stencils *and* tea towels all covered in cattle. Just a few stencils could fill the bill. For cat people, a tasteful etching on a stone backsplash can celebrate a pet and add distinction.

9 MAKE FRIENDS WITH FAUX. Today's faux paint finishes are a lot subtler than the old-fashioned sponge looks of the past. Compared to a generic two coats of eggshell latex, they also provide far greater potential to add a background that meshes with the family's personality.

10 HARDWARE IS EASY. Changing the knobs and pulls on all the cabinets in a kitchen can have a more dramatic impact than you might imagine. Hardware is available to suit just about any sensibility, from classy amber globes to playful animal and human shapes—and tons more.

11 WEAVE HEIRLOOMS INTO THE DESIGN. Every family has treasures they've accumulated, either firsthand or from generations past. Be they classic vases or vintage Coke bottles, you can incorporate these collectibles into the kitchen, but don't just line them up on a shelf. Display them in nooks, either together or throughout the room, and add accent lighting to showcase them.

12 CHALK ONE UP TO WHIMSY. Children can dictate a home's spirit, and chalkboard paint gives kids an outlet to put their ever-changing stamp on a space. It's as easy to apply as standard paint and, yes, it dries to an actual chalkboard surface. The drawings that fill this canvas can infuse the room with youthful insouciance, even if they're by adults. Another option: a kit that transforms refrigerator doors into chalkboards. ◆

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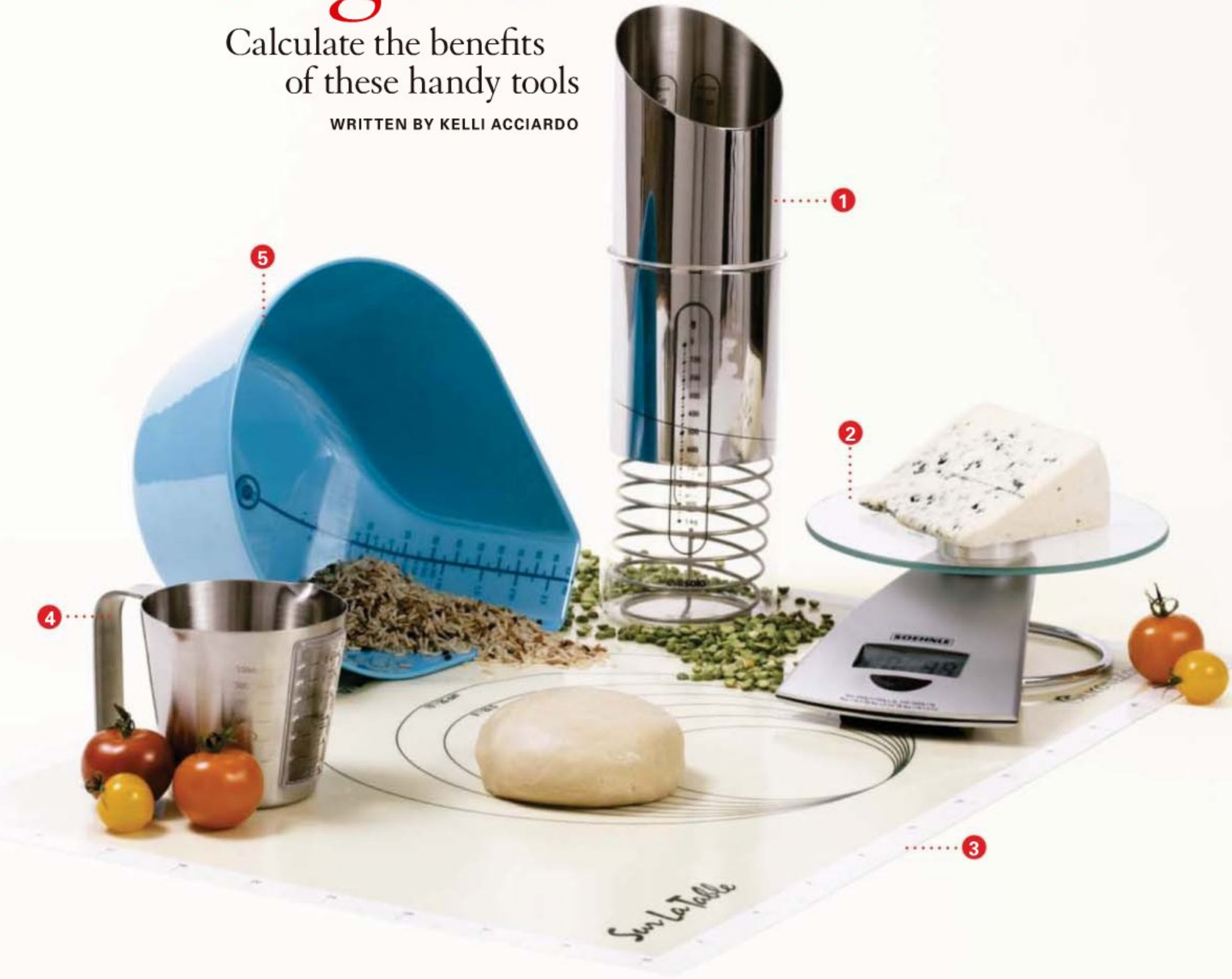

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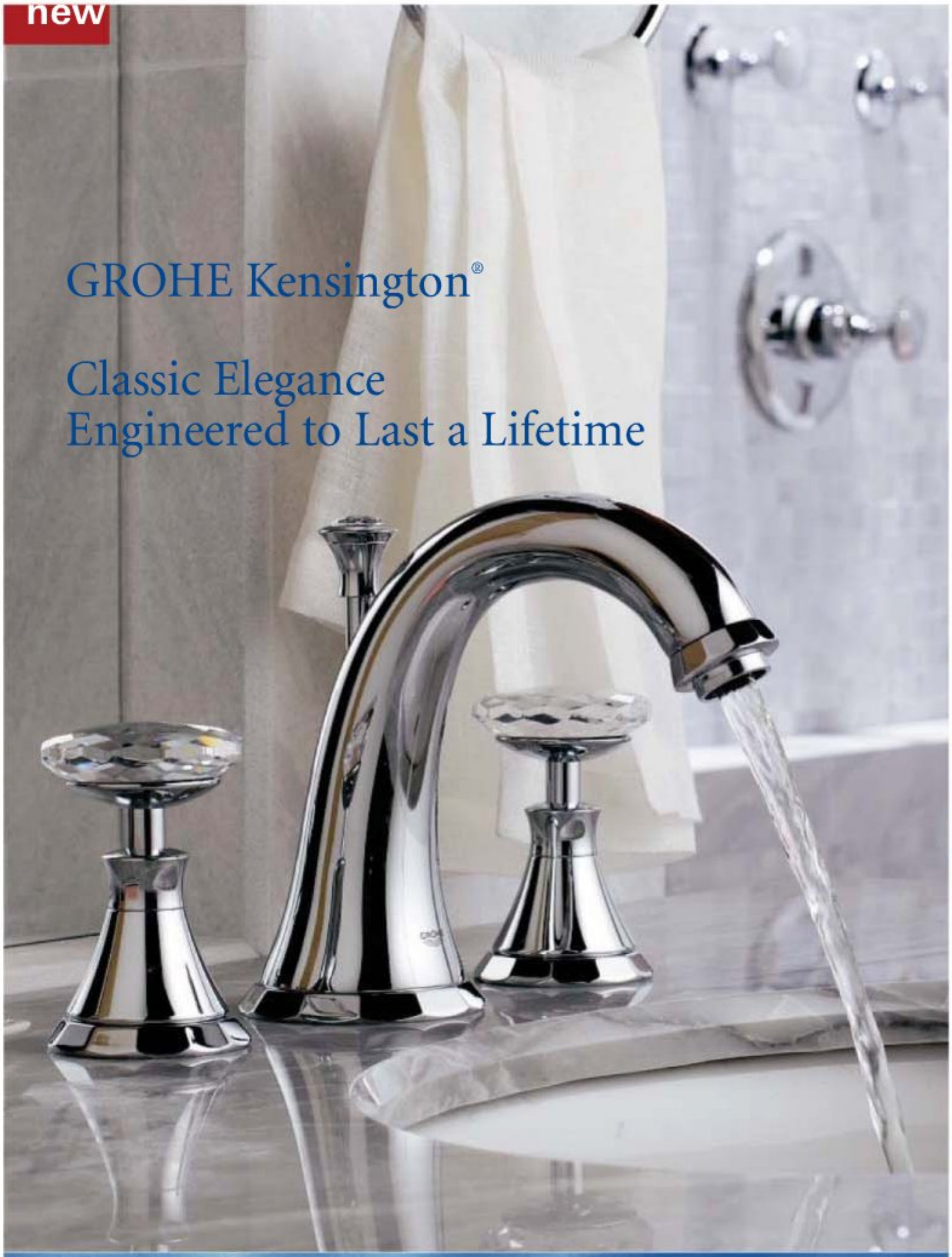

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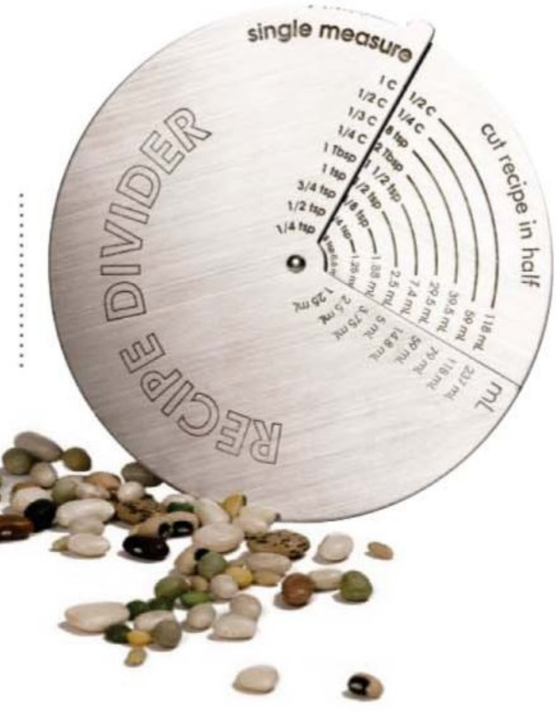

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ABOVE: Compact fluorescent bulbs save energy and help keep the kitchen cool.

Every kitchen remodel involves numerous decisions. Function and design still come first, but more and more homeowners are concerned with how the products and materials they choose will affect the environment and natural resources.

Energy, impact on nature, and indoor air quality are key aspects that eco-conscious consumers consider when choosing products for a remodel, according to Scott Martin of Blue Plum Design in San Francisco. But style and availability also come into play, both of which can greatly affect price. "People are willing to spend a little more for an eco-friendly product, but not a lot more," Martin says. "They might spend 5 percent more for an eco-friendly cabinet. But when they start looking at 20 percent more, they think, Maybe I should spend that money on appliances."

Style and materials also determine how satisfied a person will be using a product. Forcing yourself to settle for something just because it's eco-friendly can actually

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be bad for the environment. "If you buy a new appliance and decide the next year you want a different one, that isn't an environmentally conscious purchase," says Paul Adams, AIA, of Earth and Sky Architecture in Denver.

BUDGET POWER

Reducing energy use in a green kitchen mostly means finding more efficient appliances and lighting. The EPA's Energy Star program tests all appliances for energy efficiency. The top 25 percent receive the Energy Star label. These models tend to be more expensive but pay for themselves in utility savings over their lifetime. It's also important to buy the right size for your needs. For example, an oversize fridge that's empty most of the time will not run efficiently. (As a rule, two people generally require 10 to 12 cubic feet of refrigerator space, with a cubic foot added for each additional person.)

Energy Star also rates lighting, but, in a nutshell, consumers can simply save money and energy by replacing incandescent and halogen bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) or light-emitting diode (LED) fixtures. If a lightbulb runs hot, it means the bulk of its energy usage is going toward heating up a filament. CFLs and LEDs use most of their energy to produce light. That means a 23- to 30-watt CFL will illuminate a room as well as a 100-watt incandescent bulb, and an undercabinet LED fixture that runs on a grand total of 5 watts can equal the light output of three 20-watt halogen bulbs.

When shopping for CFLs, Adams says it's worth the time and money to get a quality bulb. "The inexpensive ones from the big-box stores tend to buzz because of inferior ballasts," he says. "The noise can be kind of annoying."

The type of windows in your house can also help you save energy. With the appropriate low-e (low-emissivity) coating, windows can more effectively govern the sun's heat, drawing it into homes in colder climates and keeping it out of homes in warmer areas. (The same window cannot do both, however.)

"Windows play a huge role," says Dale Bryk, senior attorney at the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), a nonprofit environmental advocacy group. "Your heating and air-conditioning bills are keyed off your windows. If you let less heat into the house in the summer, you can have a smaller air-conditioning system, which over time pays for the price of the windows." (Naturally, the folks at Energy Star rate windows, too.)

KEEPING IT REAL

Green versions of cabinets, countertops and floors help maintain both natural resources and indoor air quality. The primary air quality issue with cabinets (and some countertops) involves engineered lumber such as particleboard. The glues that bind particleboard contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs), most notably formaldehyde, and these chemicals can leach harmful vapor into the home. Fortunately, a number of particleboard manufacturers, such as SierraPine, Roseburg Forest Products and Columbia Forest Products, have come up with non-VOC versions that are widely available and comparable to traditional particle board in price. Wheatboard, which is made of compressed wheat fiber, is another alternative to particleboard, but it's had a rough time on the market because of its cost, according to Martin. "It's pretty tricky finding eco-cabinets that are modern looking and affordable," he says.

Suitable countertop materials, on the other hand, are comparatively plentiful. Martin prefers nonporous quartz to →

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RIGHT: Proper windows are a huge component of an environmentally responsible kitchen. The natural light makes the space inviting, of course, but the glass should have a low-e coating that suits the climate—to usher in the sun's heat in cooler regions and to keep it out in areas where the weather is warmer.

granite, which requires chemical sealants and regular upkeep. Countertops are also available in a well-known recyclable material: glass. A thick sheet of glass, which is also nonporous, adds striking beauty to an eco-friendly kitchen, at roughly twice the price of granite.

The main environmental issue for floors is PVC, which goes into vinyl flooring. During manufacturing and disposal, PVC is known to give off a host of hazardous chemicals, most notably dioxin. Natural alternatives include cork and linoleum. Cork offers the benefit of being resilient and soft like vinyl.

Hardwood floors—and wood cabinets, for that matter—are perfectly eco-friendly as long as the lumber comes from managed-growth sources. The Forest Stewardship Council monitors lumber producers, and those that effectively maintain the viability of their forests receive the group's stamp of approval. The FSC seal on a product means the wood used in it was not, for example, harvested to clear space for a mall.

Water-purification systems help the environment in another way: By actually encouraging the use of a natural resource—tap water—they curb the deluge of plastic bottles bound for landfills. In addition, whether mounted on the tap or under the counter, home water filtration saves heaps of money. The NRDC found that bottled water costs average around 90 cents a gallon, compared to $1.60 per *thousand* gallons from the tap.

Ultimately, no matter how gung ho consumers may be, "Design and style always trump eco-consciousness," Martin says. "If we're going for a hip, urban look, we're not going to use recycled wood that we dragged out of the bay. It can be done with eco-friendly materials, but it's got to be sold on style first." ◆

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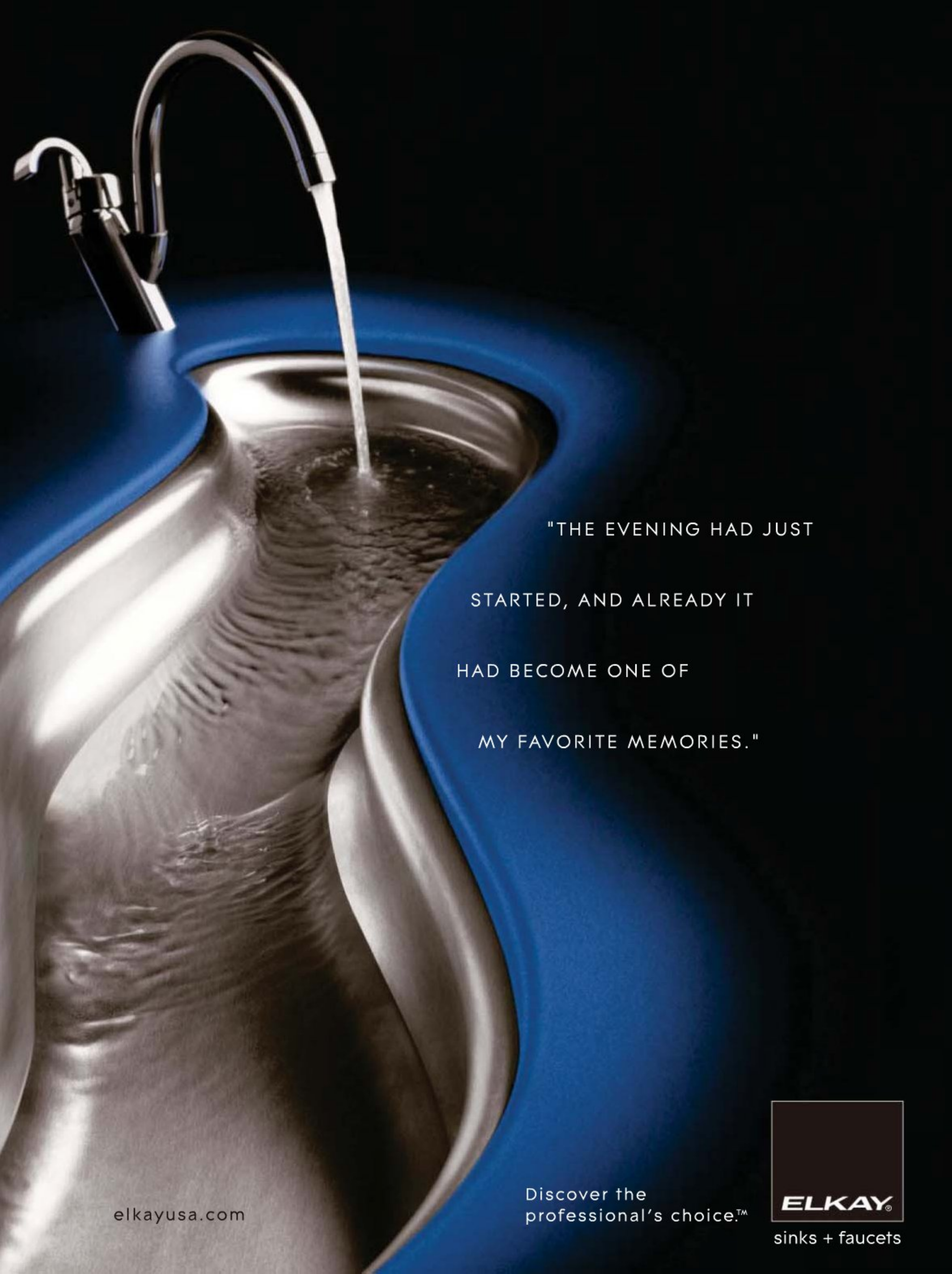
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When only crumbs remain, the photo-printed interior of PT's Tortilla Chips melamine bowl will have you reaching for more. $16. 703-652-4851; *www.perpetualkid.com.*

UNDER PRESSURE
Start from scratch with Norpro's cast aluminum Tortilla Press. The chrome-finished tool forms 6-inch corn tortillas and wipes clean with a damp cloth. $17. *www.amazon.com.*

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Gadgets and gizmos to spice up fiesta fare

WRITTEN BY LINDSAY DAMAST

WIND IT UP
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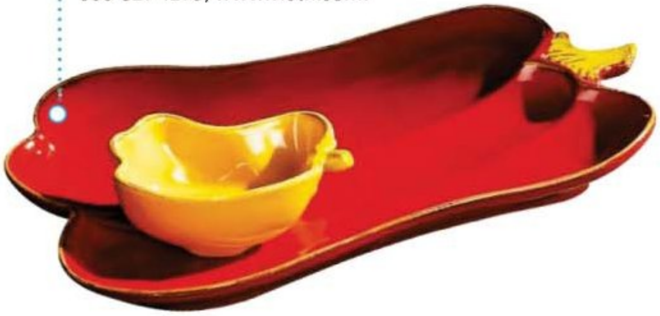
AUTHENTIC ACCENT
Serve goodies with gusto in the Terra Cotta chip tray and dip bowl. $30. 800-243-0852; *www.surlatable.com.*

VEGGIE DELIGHT
Picked from Vietri's Vegetable Garden collection, the Red Pepper Platter and Yellow Pepper Bowl will add zest to your table. Platter, $110; bowl, $27. 866-327-1279; *www.vietri.com*.



CLEAR CHOICE
Libbey's glass Salsa Bowl set puts an elegant spin on the classic Mexican *molcajete*. Comes with plastic lids. $10. 419-325-2507; *www.libbey.com*.

THE GREEN LIGHT
Add zest to recipes with cherry tomatoes and jalapeño peppers homegrown from the Salsa Garden Kit. Using innovative aeroponic technology, the AeroGarden sprouts herbs and vegetables year-round on your kitchen counter—no soil needed! Garden, $150; seed kits, $20. 800-476-9669; *www.aerogarden.com*. ◆

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a jetted tub

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The Archer BubbleMassage bath from Kohler offers a full-body hydromassage delivered by 120 air jets. Massage intensity can be adjusted individually for feet, legs and back. Other options include a remote control feature and chromotherapy. About $2,845. *www.kohler.com*.

For many people these days, upgrading a bathroom means adding spa-like features that transform a pleasant but functional space into a relaxing escape. A key element: the jetted tub—also known as a spa tub or whirlpool bath. (The whirlpool was invented by Jacuzzi almost 40 years ago.) If you want to include a jetted tub in your bathroom, here's what to keep in mind as you mull your many options.

JET SET

The first consideration in selecting a jetted tub is the question of air jets versus water jets. Generally tubs will offer one or the other, although some offer both.

Air jet tubs utilize heated air to generate bubbles, usually through a great many more openings (or jets) than a water jet system. The massage they offer tends to be lighter and gentler. Additives such as bath oils and salts are safe to use in air jet systems, and the motors are usually quieter. However, the water temperature in an air jet tub will cool more quickly.

Water jet tubs use larger openings to deliver stronger, more vigorous massage. There are fewer jets, but they are strategically placed so they concentrate on particular body areas. Oils and salts are generally not recommended for use in water jet systems due to concerns about clogged pipes and the possibility of mold or bacteria forming if pipes don't drain adequately. However, manufacturers are starting to offer models that can accommodate added oils and salt.

Regardless of which jet type you select, make sure the locations of the jets suit your

needs or are easy to adjust. Furthermore, check to see if the location of the controls is convenient and easy to reach.

MATERIAL WORLD

Next, you'll need to determine your preferred material. Most tubs are constructed of acrylic, but fiberglass models are still available as well. Fiberglass offers a finish that looks like acrylic, but it's not as durable and is less likely to hold its color over time. While acrylic is sturdier than fiberglass, it still can suffer scratching. Cast iron is extremely durable but it is also very heavy.

Any material will have an impact beyond aesthetics and cleanup. "Your choice of material will affect the weight of the bath," says Shawn Oldenhoff, Kohler's senior product manager for bathing products. "You also need to factor in the weight of the water when your tub is full—about eight pounds per gallon. You may need additional support under your floor, so consult a contractor for advice," he says.

Once you consider such weighty issues, you can focus on more personal considerations, especially tub size and shape.

SIZE OF RELIEF

"It's critical to be sure the tub is large enough for your needs," says Stephanie Witt, certified master kitchen & bath designer, of Kitchens by Stephanie in Grand Rapids, Michigan. "Nothing can ruin your tub experience like being cramped and uncomfortable, or having jets poking you in the back."

The only sure way to guarantee that your tub is comfortable is to hop into it at the showroom. Such a "dry run" also enables you to see how easily you're able to get into and out of the tub.

BONUS FEATURES

Water and bubbles are just the beginning. Today's jetted tubs have an array of luxurious options to consider. Among the added features you might find indispensable are specially placed jets that focus on specific body parts, such as the back or neck, comfort-enhancing armrests and cup holders. Some tubs deliver aromatherapy experiences; Vita Bath offers a tub with built-in dispensers to deliver pleasing aromas into the air. →

HOT PICK

Now available as an air bath as well as a whirlpool, Jacuzzi's Elara tub features the PrO3 Ozone sanitation system, which runs automatically each day to help kill bacteria and mold in the pipes. From $3,589. 800-288-4002; *www.jacuzzi.com*.

HOT PICK

Money may not buy you happiness, but it will get you the ultimate in high-tech pampering. Toto's Neorest air bath has an auto-fill feature which allows you to preset water levels and temperatures for three different users. It also features adjustable massage, chromotherapy and an automatic cleaning cycle. From $28,000. *www.totousa.com*.

IF YOU'RE THINKING OF BUYING

A sound system is another popular extra that is becoming more widely available. Also, several brands offer models with chromotherapy features. Kohler offers models with built-in underwater lighting systems that, at the touch of a button, cycle through a variety of calming hues chosen to bolster the feelings of well-being delivered by the effervescent waters.

HOT PICK
From Villeroy & Boch, the new Sunberry tub has clean, classic lines, and can be ordered as an air bath, a whirlpool or a combination of the two. From $2,500 for whirlpool; $3,200 for air bath; $4,200 for combination. *www.villeroy-boch.com*.

IN THE DETAILS

Be sure your plumbing and electrical systems are up to the task of readily supplying the tub with enough hot water and power for the jets.

"Heat escapes with the bubbles, so you should strongly consider a separate heater purchase," says Witt, "or select a tub with a built-in inline heater that maintains the bath temperature." Before selecting any heater, determine whether your room will require an electrical upgrade.

In any jetted-tub installation, you should insist that rigid pipes be used rather than cheaper flexible piping. They are less likely to collect leftover water and residue. Also, closely follow tub manufacturer recommendations for flushing and cleaning your tub's pipes. ◆

good

$1,000 to $3,000

Find the widest variety of jetted tub styles, from no-frills tubs with as few as five jets, to models featuring up to 120 jets plus chromotherapy and heaters. They tend to be smaller than pricier tubs, as models in this category are typically designed for one user.

better

$3,000 to $6,000

Upgrade to a wider array of features, including customizable options at the upper end. Bath wells grow larger, with overflow channels that allow for deeper immersion. Expect to find more sophisticated drainage features, which promote cleanliness and hygiene, as well as upgraded design aesthetics.

best

$6,000 to $8,000

Full customizing is readily available, and you'll be able to design a tub with your ideal number and array of jets and the ability to choose as many as 18 different settings for jet flow. Safety and comfort features that are optional on lower-priced tubs—such as handrails and neck pillows—are standard at these prices.

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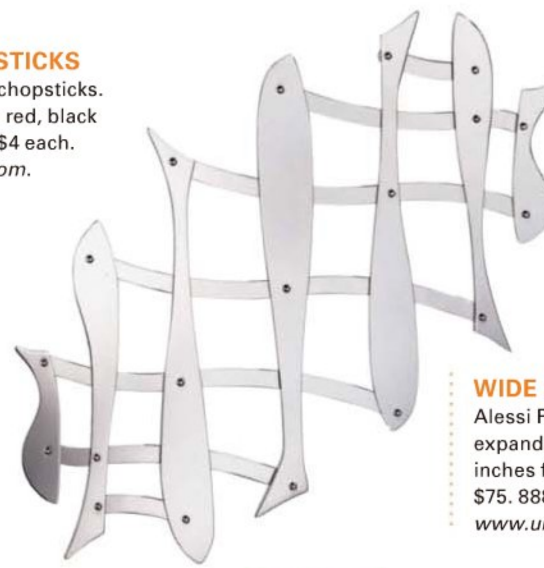
Food Network's Robin Miller shares the secrets of stress-free entertaining

WRITTEN BY KELLI ACCIARDO

Preparing dinner for a large group can be overwhelming, but not if you serve it buffet style. Cookbook author, nutritionist and Food Network chef Robin Miller reveals her secrets for serving delicious crowd-pleasing dishes in an inviting setting, without the hassle.

PICK-UP STICKS
Clothespin chopsticks. Available in red, black and green. $4 each. *www.cb2.com.*



WIDE LOAD
Alessi Pescher expandable trivet. 10½×5 inches fully extended, $75. 888-898-6422; *www.unicahome.com.*

GRAB-AND-GO GREENS
Programma 8 salad set with tray, ceramic bowl, oil, vinegar, salt and pepper shakers and salad servers. $334. 877-724-0093; *www.retromodern.com.*

fast food

Steal these tasty ideas for quick courses that basically make themselves:

◆ **CROWD-PLEASERS** Offer pasta salads loaded with fresh vegetables, olives, roasted red peppers and fresh herbs in a light vinaigrette; vegetable lasagna with zucchini, yellow squash and wild mushrooms; and gazpacho (a chilled tomato-based soup that quickly comes together in a food processor) with crumbled feta cheese on top. "These dishes aren't labor intensive, so they can be made the day of," says Robin Miller.

◆ **IN THE BAG** Miller suggests freezing "meal kits"—pasta sauces, marinated meat and vegetable dishes cooked in advance—that you can thaw, assemble and reheat later.

◆ **SWEET AND SIMPLE** For a speedy dessert, angel food cake with whipped cream and berries takes practically no time at all.

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COVERALL

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PRÊT-À-PORTER

Urbana Design bent-plywood serving tray. Available in nine colors including yellow (shown). 18×14 inches, $150. 800-506-6541; *www.designpublic.com.*

THREE'S COMPANY

Sul Mercato Antipasti Set. $38. 866-776-1600; *www.napastyle.com.*

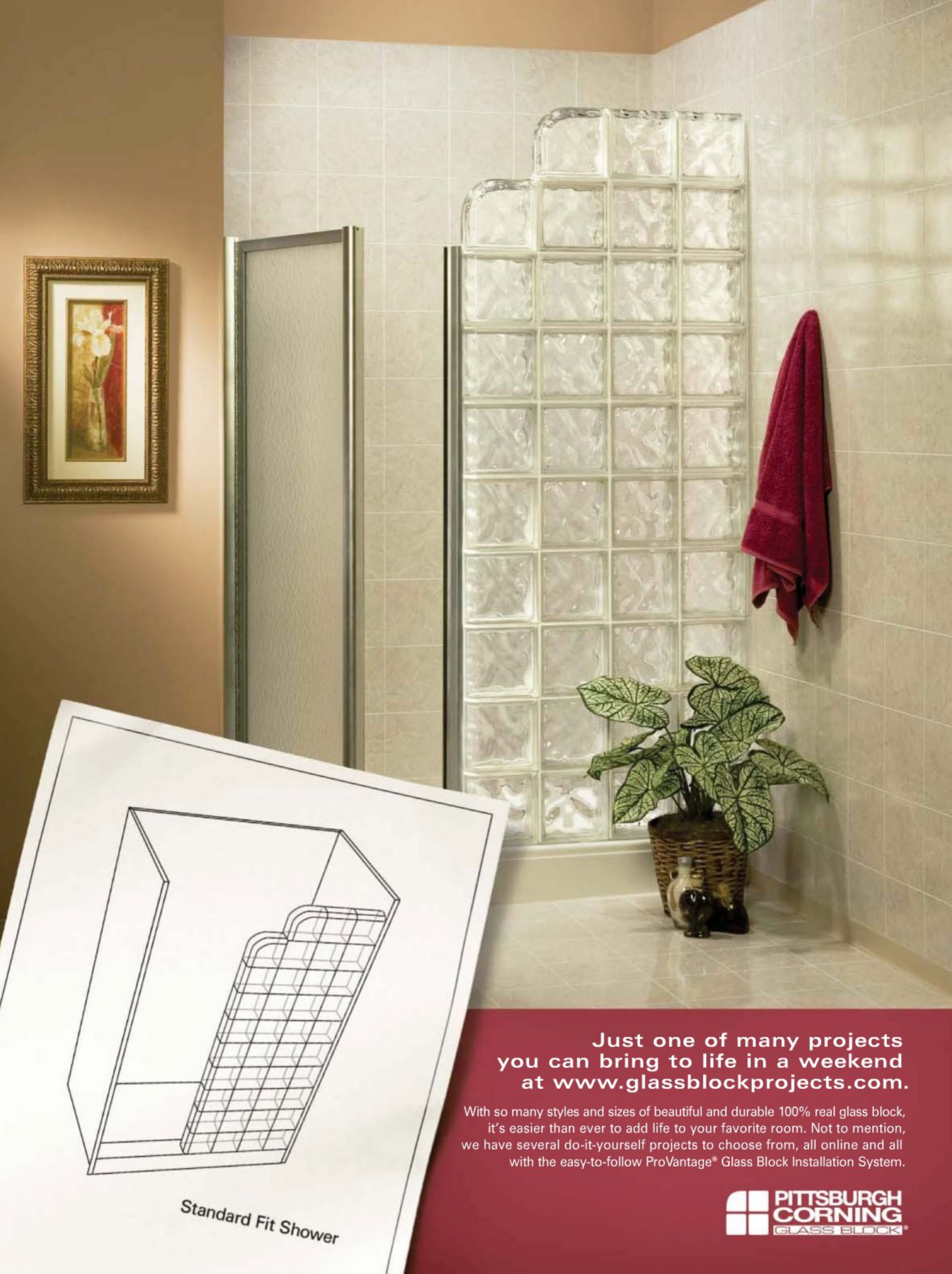
serving *sense*

For proper party management and instant ambience, give these tips a try:

◆ **CROWD CONTROL** To keep guests circulating and avoid crowding at one main buffet table, Miller suggests setting up several stations—smaller separate tables for appetizers, salads, dessert and beverages.

◆ **JUST A TRIM** Don't forget about decorative details around the house. "Use lemons and limes in the spring, leaves and gourds in the fall, holly for the holidays, and flower petals and votive candles year-round," says Miller.

◆ **SWITCH PLATE** Don't lose your cool if you don't have a complete set of dishes for the number of guests coming—"just mix and match what you have," says Miller. "People will love it!" ◆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go for baroque

An opulent kitchen sets the stage for dramatic dinners

WRITTEN BY RACHEL YOUNG

style notes

TONE IT DOWN
A kitchen with this much decorative flair could easily look overdone. Keeping the palette pale helps offset the formality.

CUSTOM COOL
A big refrigerator is a necessity if you entertain often, but stainless steel can stick out like a sore thumb. Custom cabinet panels ensure the fridge is well camouflaged.

ELEGANT ANGLE
Setting a tile flooring on the diagonal adds visual interest by tipping the graph-paper look of traditional tiles on their side.

BEAM ME UP
Kitchens are meant to be welcoming spaces, but an extra-tall ceiling can sometimes make a room feel cavernous. Adding molded beams changes the scale of the room and warms up the space.

HIGH LIGHT
Independence 6-light chandelier. $182. 877-723-5522; *www.bellacor.com*.

SPECIAL SERVICE
Camilla Pink Dinner Plate. $21; *www.spode.com*.

NEXT DOOR
Sedona Pearl cabinet. About $450 for 24-inch base, uninstalled. 800-527-5903; *www.armstrong.com*.

HOT WATER
American Standard Culinaire faucet in satin nickel. $392. 800-553-3199; *www.homedepot.com*.

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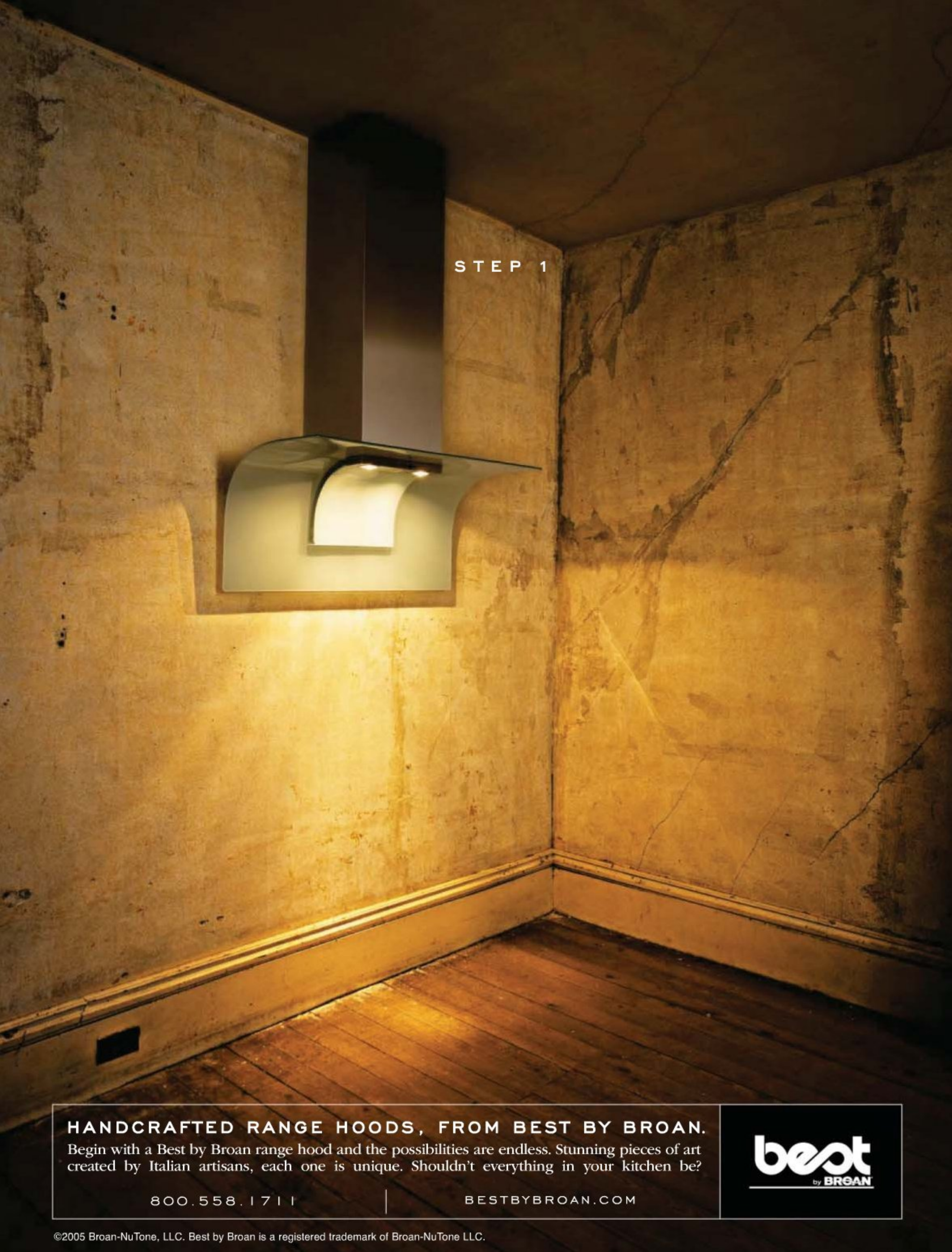

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clean and bright

Creamy colors and country details combine for farmhouse charm

style notes

WALL TO WALL
Cabinets painted in cream and white tones harmonize with the kitchen's rustic cypress wall paneling and pine floors. Inset doors and drawers—rather than overlay style—keep lines and planes crisp, not clunky.

SMOOTH MOVE
A marble-topped island makes the perfect work surface for rolling out homemade biscuits, pastries and pie crusts. On another front, its pale gray color sets it apart from the counters that ring the room, which are a dark, charcoal-hued stone.

LOVE HANDLE
Bin-style pulls and knobs in a satin nickel finish reinforce the vintage look.

TAKE A SEAT
Stewart Barstool. $140. 800-222-6161; *www.jcpenney.com*.

WATER FALL
Ostende faucet in satin nickel with white handles. $960. 800-547-1608; *www.herbeau.com*.

FORGE AHEAD
Kendall Trestle Pendant. $288. 877-723-552; *www.bellacor.com*.

BLOW HARD
Windsor whistling teakettle in chrome. $115. 877-812-6235; *www. williams-sonoma.com*. ◆

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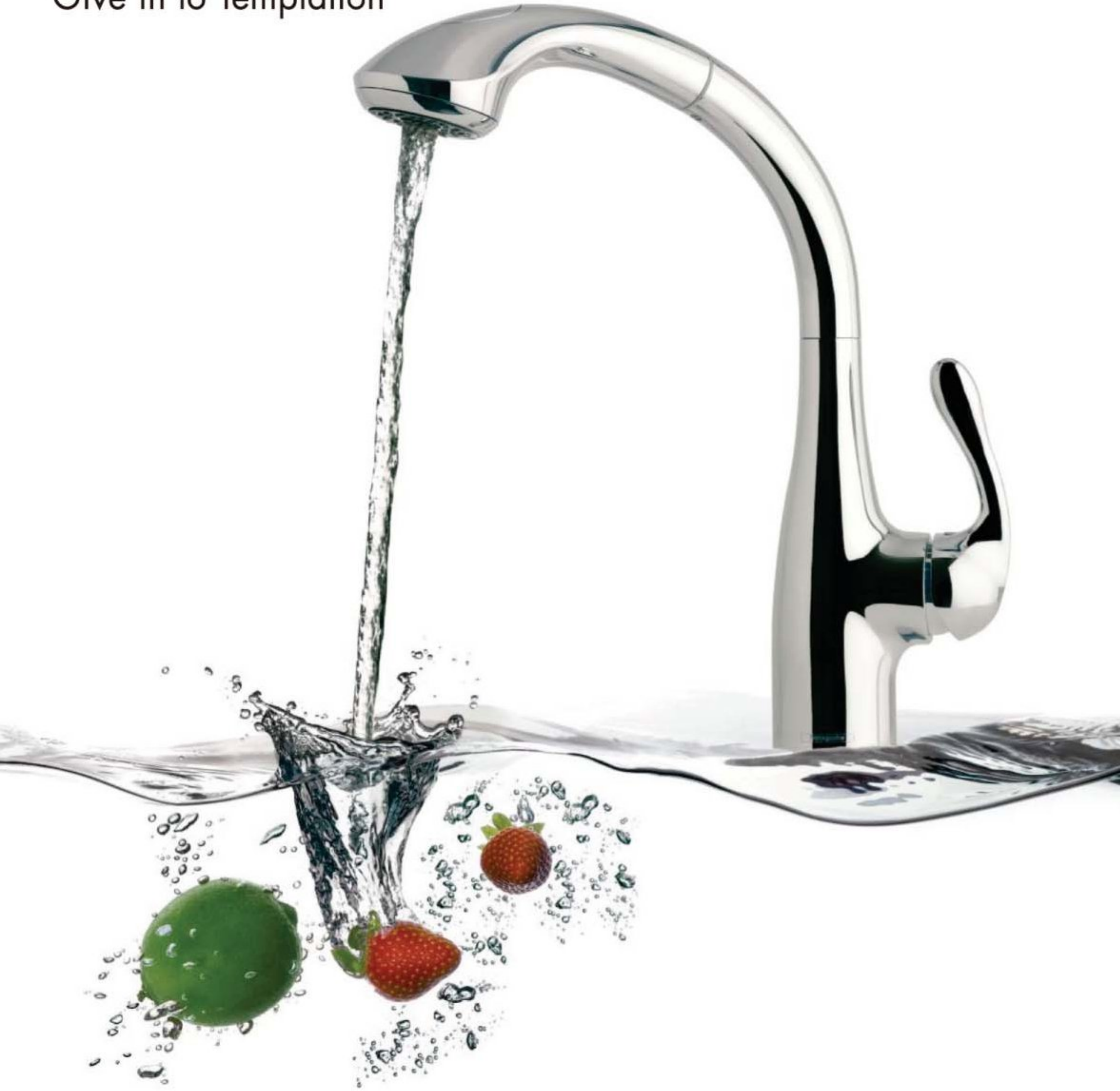

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1. It's time to write a thank-you note to a close friend. Do you:

A. Dash off an IM from your BlackBerry?

B. Craft a collage of images personally significant to both of you into a card?

C. Trot out the calligrapher's pen and your monogrammed note cards?

2. You've found an extra hour in the weekend to devote to yourself. That's the perfect time to:

A. Add the latest CD by The Shins to your iTunes playlist.

B. Troll around on eBay for bargains on vintage Fiestaware.

C. Fill up the bathtub, throw some rose petals in the water and bliss out with a copy of *Anna Karenina*.

3. It's Saturday night and you're flipping through the movie section in the paper. Do you:

A. Gasp with delight when that art film from Hong Kong finally makes it to your local theater?

B. Use running times and showtimes to calculate the possibility of seeing *two* of the latest blockbusters—in one night?

C. Wonder what happened to movies where characters speak to each other in complete sentences and are less than handy with rifles and grenades?

4. Your friends want you to choose the restaurant for your birthday dinner. You're most likely to pick:

A. The freshest sushi joint in town.

B. Olive Garden.

C. Fine French cuisine.

5. The time has come to blot out the world and immerse yourself in music. You're most apt to get totally lost in:

A. The custom mix on your iPhone.

B. A CD of a classic album by the Beatles or the Moody Blues.

C. An evening at the opera, preferably live.

6. After a week out of the country, you can't wait to catch up on the news by tuning in to:

A. *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.*

B. *NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams.*

C. *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.*

7. When it comes to sports, you're confident the athletes in your house can take on all comers in:

A. Lacrosse.

B. Football.

C. Golf.

8. Some co-workers are laughing about last night's TV offerings. You tell them the funniest show on network TV is:

A. *30 Rock.*

B. *Two and a Half Men.*

C. *House.*

9. The digital photos you took of your relatives are great. How do you get copies to them?

A. Burn a CD.

B. Print them out at Walgreens or Target.

C. You don't own a digital camera.

What's your kitchen comfort zone?

Score 0 points for each A answer; 1 point for each B; and 2 points for each C.

0 to 7: You're a cool customer who wants a very contemporary kitchen indeed.

8 to 14: Consider a transitional look, which is a blend of traditional and contemporary elements.

15 to 18: You're a classic and your kitchen should reflect your taste for timeless styling. ◆

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six months to a new bathroom

WRITTEN BY BERNADETTE BACZYNSKI

Thinking about remodeling your bathroom? Remember the golden rule of any home-improvement project: The more planning you do up front, the happier you'll be with the final result. Use this checklist to get yourself started and keep you on track.

THREE TO SIX MONTHS AHEAD

☐ **SET UP A FILE** to keep track of ideas, products, names and business cards. Look through books and magazines, tagging photos and gathering samples. Make careful notes of manufacturers, product ID numbers and where you saw the product.

☐ **MAKE LISTS** of must-haves and wishes, so you'll know clearly where you will and won't compromise. Keep in mind what's working and not working in your present bathroom, including storage and the location of fixtures and windows.

☐ **VISIT MODEL HOMES** and friends' remodeling projects, again noting what would and wouldn't work for you. Carry a camera to record ideas that you like.

☐ **BEGIN RESEARCHING CONTRACTORS**. Check with local professional associations, ask friends for referrals, note yard signs of remodeling work in progress. Many home-improvement stores also offer full-service design and remodeling help.

☐ **GO WITH A PRO.** If your project involves major structural changes, it's important to have an architect or bathroom designer involved; the contractor may make some referrals. Even a straightforward face-lift can benefit from professional design input.

☐ **INCORPORATE UNIVERSAL DESIGN ELEMENTS**, such as wider doors, grab bars, taller toilets, easy-access showers and tubs and easy-to-use handles if you plan to stay in your home for many years. You can also have walls reinforced now so grab bars can be added later, without major work.

☐ **VISIT YOUR BANKER** or mortgage lender to discuss financing options and how much you can afford, and your financial planner to discuss tax advantages. Whatever your upper range, figure on spending about 10 percent more.

ONE TO THREE MONTHS AHEAD

☐ **NARROW DOWN** the field of contractors to three, reviewing credentials, status of licenses and insurance and professional affiliations; check the Better Business Bureau for complaints. Ask for references and, if possible, visit an in-progress project, noting the site's neatness and the atmosphere, so you'll have a sense of what you'll be living with.

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☐ **INVITE CONTRACTORS TO YOUR HOME** to review your project and give bids. Provide each with identical plans and information to receive accurate proposals. Be aware of your reaction to the contractor. This is an ongoing relationship: If you feel uncomfortable, keep looking.

☐ **SETTLE ON A CONTRACTOR.** Be sure expectations are clear then get everything in writing, perhaps having contracts checked over by your attorney before they are signed. Also be sure you understand and are comfortable with how money will be distributed. There's generally a start-up payment, several interim disbursements and a balance due upon completion.

☐ **FINE-TUNE YOUR PLAN** and pare down your idea file. With samples and accurate measurements in hand, visit home-improvement centers and bath showrooms, keeping track of item numbers. You may or may not want to do this with your design professional.

☐ **BE CLEAR** on who should order what; generally, the contractor will handle orders and schedule deliveries. If you choose to buy fixtures on your own, bear in mind that a contractor may not warrant the installation of what he doesn't provide.

☐ **DO ALL YOUR BATH RENOVATIONS AT ONCE.** It's more cost efficient, and contractors will work with you to keep at least one fixture operable. Depending on the size of the project and the level of detail, a full bathroom renovation requires about four to six weeks, start to finish. Why go through it twice?

WEEKS BEFORE AND DURING

☐ **LET THE NEIGHBORS IN ON THE PLANS**, such as daily construction schedules and major deliveries. Your courtesy will likely make them more willing to endure any temporary inconveniences.

☐ **TALK WITH THE CONTRACTOR** about day-to-day routines, including where deliveries will be stored, where work areas will be set up, which bathroom workers will use. Keep pets away from the site.

☐ **CLEAR OUT LINENS AND TOILETRIES** and set up a temporary grooming space that's out of the way of the workers. Fix individual totes for family members to keep personal items portable and organized.

☐ **ARRANGE A FEW SLEEPOVERS FOR THE KIDS**, if possible. You all might enjoy the break. Have a family meeting about the process, emphasizing patience and cooperation.

☐ **KEEP COMMUNICATIONS OPEN** so everyone knows what to expect and what is expected of them. Be available for questions, either on-site or by phone. Often, contractors will run into snags that require homeowner input or approval; if they are unable to reach you quickly, it can cause expensive delays.

FINAL DAYS

☐ **NOTE ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED.** You and the contractor will have a final walk-through, making a punch list of to-dos before you sign off. ◆

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Tile goes for a glam look

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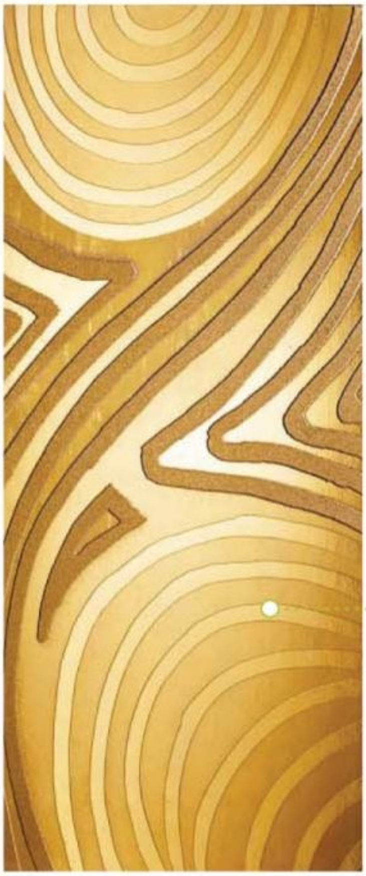
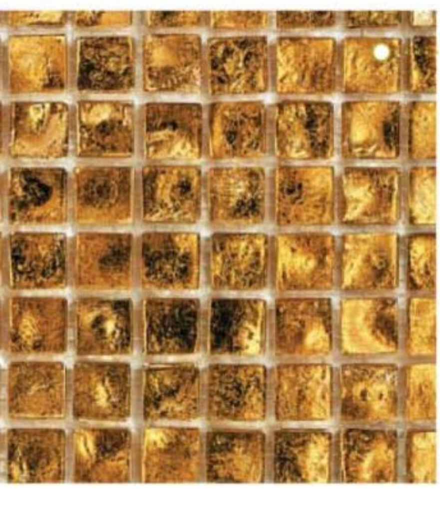


MIDAS TOUCH
DesignTaleStudio Pareti d'Autore glazed porcelain tile from Italy is made grand with a luxe application of 24-karat gold. 24×48-inch tile, $1,800. *www.refin.it.*

ORE ELSE
Made of solid bronze, Bronzework Studio's Blooming Leaf tile is a rich accent piece with timeless style. 2½-inch square tile, $48 each. 773-784-2628; *www.lowitzandcompany.com.*



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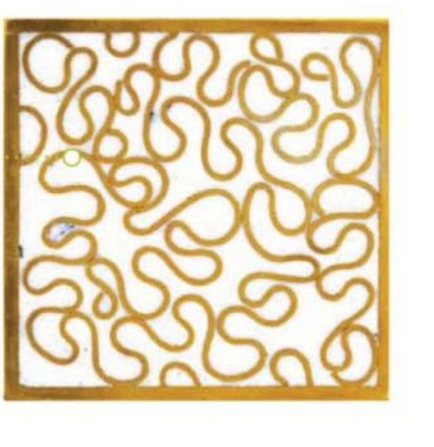

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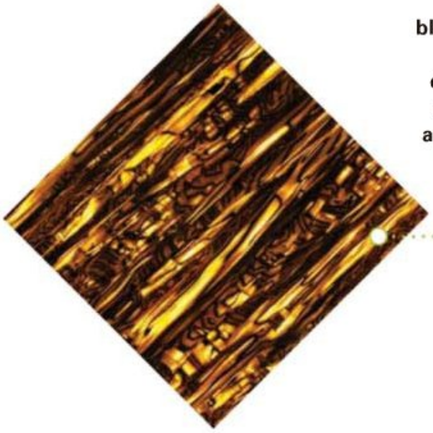

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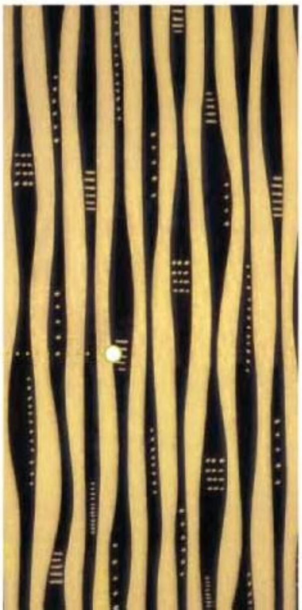

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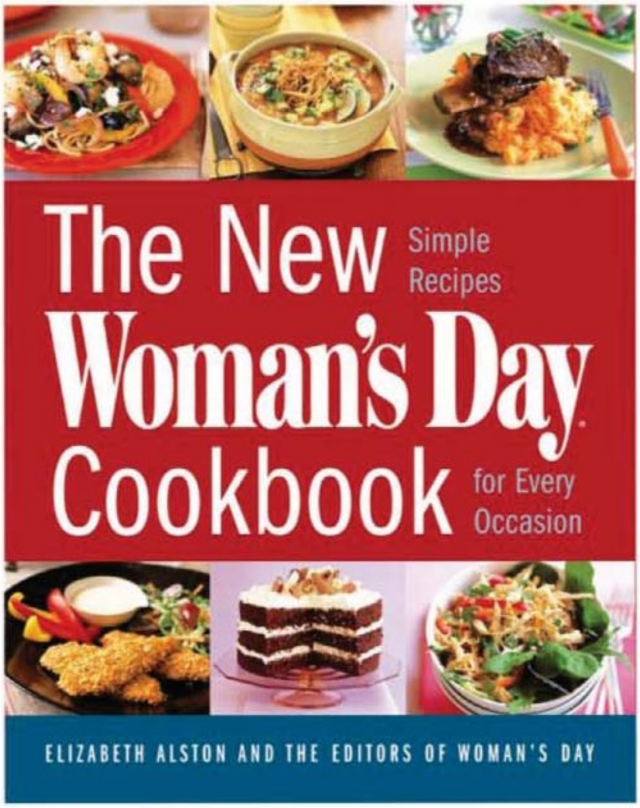

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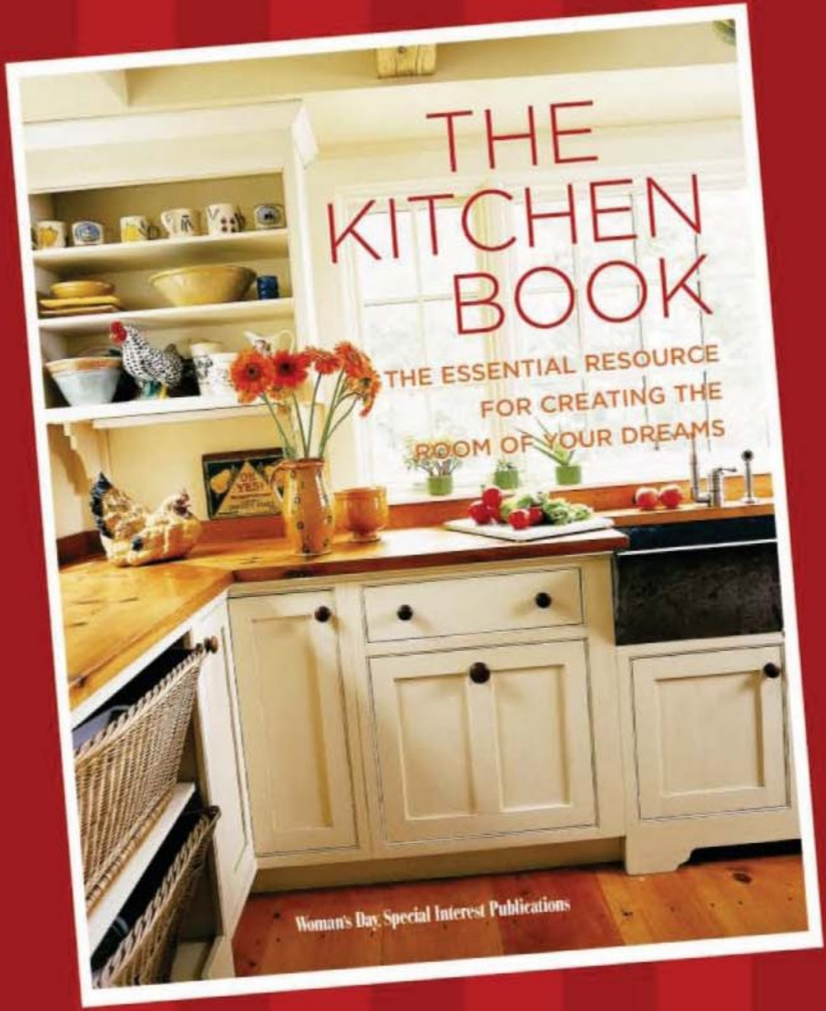

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BEFORE: With only one wall of cabinets and little counterspace, preparing meals and entertaining guests in the old kitchen was always a challenge.

AFTER: Marble counters add rich beauty to this traditional kitchen. "We thickened the slabs and built up the edges to add heft," says Turner.

1 Great White

Knowing simple cosmetic changes would not solve their problems, Chris Epstein and Matt Wetzel wanted to give their small, isolated kitchen a complete overhaul. The 145-square-foot space, located in the back of their three-story traditional Washington, D.C., home, made entertaining a chore. "They're very social people. They wanted to be able to cook and enjoy the company of their family and friends," says interior designer Sarah Kahn Turner of Gilday Renovations of Silver Spring, Maryland. The existing kitchen was converted into a butler's pantry/wet bar area. The new U-shaped 198-square-foot kitchen addition—open to an eat-in breakfast area and living room—has a monochromatic color scheme and traditional detailing that reflects the architectural style of the home.

IN THE DETAILS

- **BACKSPLASH** Handmade Mexican tiles in varying tones of cream were chosen for the kitchen's backsplash. A diamond pattern in three darker shades of cream creates a focal point behind the range.
- **CABINETS** The kitchen's cream-colored wood cabinets have a brown glaze that softens the harshness of a white kitchen. Some of the upper cabinets have leaded seeded glass inserts with a diamond pattern that echoes the backsplash behind the range.
- **CEILING** Raising the ceiling of the kitchen and the rest of the addition allowed the owners to add a coffered ceiling. "It's about architectural detail and drama," says Turner.
- **ISLAND** "The island creates a place for friends to perch while they cook," says Turner. It features cookbook storage, a built-in microwave and corbels and paneling that match the surrounding cabinets.

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2 Into the Light

Ed and Kathy Quinn loved the location of their new Washington, D.C., bungalow, but they knew the house needed significant renovations before they moved in. A major concern was the 140-square-foot kitchen that was closed off from the rest of the home. "It was very dark," says designer Ellen Gilday Witts of Gilday Renovations. "They wanted more light and a better connection between rooms." Removing a wall between the kitchen and study and enlarging an opening from the kitchen to the dining room and den helped improve the flow. Opening up the back wall of the kitchen and adding two large windows and a door created better views and gave the couple access to the backyard. A larger window over the sink also contributes to the now 290-square-foot kitchen's light-and-airy feel.

BEFORE: The old, flat-panel wood cabinets were too contemporary for the homeowners, who prefer a more traditional look.

AFTER: Adding 150 square feet gave the owners the space to include a kitchen table and a separate island for meals on the go.

IN THE DETAILS

- **APPLIANCES** The owners replaced the old, all-white appliances with stainless steel double ovens with a microwave-convection combo, a large paneled refrigerator and a wine cooler for the bar.
- **BACKSPLASH** The kitchen's parsley-colored 4×4 hand-glazed ceramic tile backsplash was inspired by the green tones in the granite counters. It features a cream-colored grout that makes the dark tiles stand out.
- **CABINETS** The maple cabinets have a parchment finish with inset doors and crown molding. The couple included a few glass-front upper cabinets and chose antique pewter hardware. "They wanted something that didn't look brand-spanking new," says Gilday Witts.
- **LIGHTING** While the new kitchen has plenty of natural light, recessed fixtures, undercabinet lights and a traditional-style pendant over the kitchen table provide both task and mood illumination. →

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BEFORE: The old 170-square-foot kitchen had dark oak cabinets, worn white countertops and dated wallpaper.

AFTER: At 225 square feet, the kitchen is large enough for a spacious center island with sink, dishwasher, wine storage, drawers for large platters and a raised breakfast bar with seating for two.

3 Stretching Out

Now empty nesters, the owners of this two-story traditional home in the Ulmstead Estates neighborhood of Arnold, Maryland, finally had the time to make changes to their home. One of their first goals: to update the kitchen. "The previous kitchen had significant problems in terms of layout and function," says Mark T. White, CKD, owner and chief designer for Kitchen Encounters of Annapolis, Maryland. "A half wall divided the kitchen from the family room, and the dining table was shoved right in the middle of everything." A large walk-in pantry behind the refrigerator also made things a tight fit. Removing the half wall improved traffic flow and allowed room for a kitchen table and island. Absorbing the walk-in pantry into the main space stretched the layout and created room for a pro-style range with counterspace on each side, now the focal point of the kitchen.

IN THE DETAILS

- **BACKSPLASH** Tumbled marble tiles set on a diagonal and a custom mosaic behind the range create a pleasing backdrop for the other components in the room. "The tile work gives the kitchen that nice European feel the owners wanted," says White.
- **CABINETS** Cream-colored maple cabinetry brightens up the space. White removed the bulkhead to make room for taller cabinets and crown molding. "It gives the kitchen a feeling of height," he says. "The three-piece crown molding is also a nice architectural detail."
- **OPEN BOOKCASE** Eliminating a desk area that collected clutter made room for an open bookcase that offers better storage. "It looks nicer and frees up important cabinet space," says White. →

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4 Open Season

With walls separating their kitchen from an adjoining butler's pantry and back porch, a Washington, D.C., couple decided the space needed a makeover. The homeowners, a congressman and a corporate executive, wanted a kitchen that better reflected their busy lifestyle and provided views of their backyard. The couple hired designer Christopher J. Grubb, founder and president of Arch-Interiors Design Group, of Beverly Hills, California, and Orlando, Florida, to help them with this serious remodel. "The kitchen was cramped and not a lot of light came in," says Grubb. "We wanted to enlarge the space, bring in light and create a sitting area for informal dining." Removing walls and combining the three rooms allowed Grubb to include a much-needed breakfast area with large arched windows for views of the attractive creek and trees outside. ◆

IN THE DETAILS

- ◆ **APPLIANCES** Double ovens, a cooktop with a griddle and a large refrigerator are some of the appliance upgrades in the expanded, traditional-style kitchen. "They wanted stainless steel," says Grubb. "It's the touch of contemporary they were comfortable with."
- ◆ **CABINETS** The couple decided on custom cabinets with a Shaker-style door and exposed hinges. "They reflect the Colonial style of the house," says Grubb. "The paneling on the wall above the cabinets helps them stand out."
- ◆ **FLOORING** The owners chose oak for its durability as well as for the warmth it adds to the kitchen.
- ◆ **PENINSULAS** Two peninsulas topped with a rich green-tone granite offer both storage and work space. One peninsula separates the kitchen from the breakfast area, while the other—with built-in wine cooler and ice maker—divides the kitchen from the butler's pantry.

BEFORE: With blue walls and cabinets well past their prime, the old 278-square-foot kitchen was short on both function and looks.

AFTER: A breakfront designed to resemble a piece of furniture is just one of the special touches in the now 378-square-foot kitchen. "The details add richness," says Grubb.

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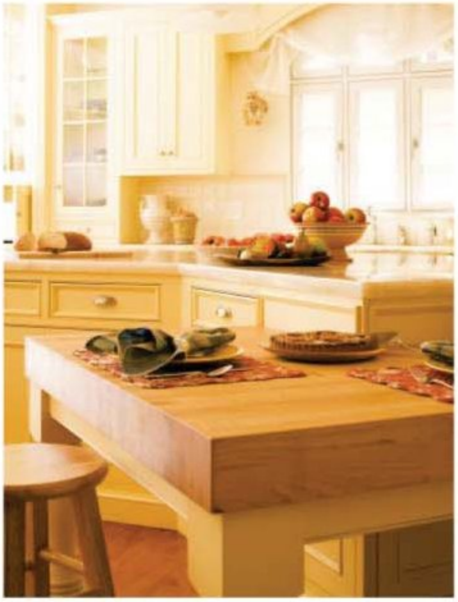

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INSPIRED BY A HIT FILM, THIS REVAMPED GALLEY KITCHEN GETS RAVE REVIEWS

HOLLYWOOD ENDING

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Flashback to four years ago: Jane Siefert is sitting in a darkened movie theater watching Diane Keaton prepare pancakes for Jack Nicholson in the romantic comedy *Something's Gotta Give.*

"Suddenly, I was looking at my ideal kitchen up on the screen," says Jane, recalling Hollywood's spot-on depiction of Hamptons' style—right down to the pro-caliber stainless appliances, soapstone counters, white beadboard cabinetry and dark, polished wood floors. "I even spotted my exact drawer pulls," she says.

It is easy to understand how, one year later, when Jane looked at a 1910 bungalow, which sits a stone's throw from the ocean in Marblehead, Massachusetts, she could easily see the potential beyond the faded wallpaper and outdated appliances. "I knew I could make it special," says design-savvy Jane, who owns a pair of kids' clothing boutiques that cater to a fashionable pint-size clientele. For

RIGHT: In a galley kitchen, windows are best used judiciously, as they displace valuable wall storage space. In this room, that loss was minimized and daylight was maximized by locating the window at the closed, short end of the kitchen. This positioning also avoids the dreaded tunnel effect.

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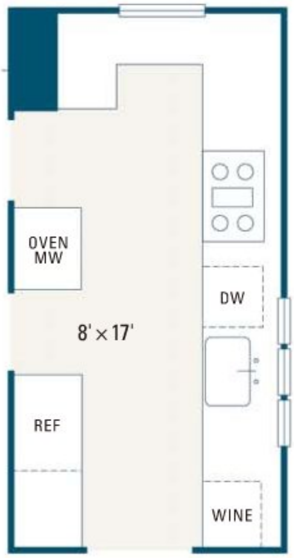
Because of space limitations, cabinets and counters were engineered to the homeowner's exact specifications. Counter heights were raised an extra inch, countertop depth expanded from 24 to 28 inches for additional prep room and the upper cabinets' depth increased from 13 to 15 inches.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ



ABOVE: Without at least two entries, the galley kitchen would be a dysfunctional, cramped cul-de-sac. One door to this kitchen was widened to a dramatic 44 inches.

help, she turned to residential designer Veronica Hobson of Taproot Designs, also in Marblehead.

Although the footprint remained the same, Hobson revamped the layout of the 8-by-17-foot galley, moving the cooktop, sink and dishwasher to an exterior wall to create a more efficient prep area. Simple white recessed-panel cabinetry with furniture detailing sets the mood of the room. "I was looking for something clean and modern, but with a vintage feel," says Jane.

Despite its compact size, the 136-square-foot kitchen is packed with amenities, including a six-burner cooktop, double wall ovens, a microwave and warming drawer, wine cooler and radiant-heated floors—a must when the New England weather turns cold.

Storage was critical, especially when the aim was a clutter-free space. Cabinets extend a full eight feet upward, with the odd remnants of space near

ABOVE: Installing the sink and the cooktop on the same wall is the right move in terms of both safety and convenience; it minimizes the distance pots of hot water are carried.

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design points

SINUOUS SUPPORTS Adding a touch of grace and charm to the small, linear kitchen are these curving cabinet corbels. Introducing a different geometry to an otherwise rectangular room is a tried-and-true designer's secret.

BEST FOOT FORWARD Setting the base cabinets on jig-sawn feet lightens the look of the cupboards. The stark white of the cabinets also draws attention to the espresso-hued wood floors.

ABOVE: Disparate design elements—shiny and matte finishes, solid and transparent cabinets, dark and light colors—converge at the cooktop.

the ceiling outfitted with cupboards with flip-up doors to house seldom-used serving pieces. Removing a chimney flue provided room for a pair of tall pullout pantries. To bolster both storage and architectural interest, Jane asked for glass-fronted cabinetry and a custom-built appliance garage. "I didn't want anything on the counters," she says.

Among her favorite purchases is the 30-inch fireclay sink, which easily accommodates the biggest pots in her *batterie de cuisine.* For Jane, who married Michael Curley just after finishing the project, it's more than a utilitarian feature: It pinch-hits as a bathtub for daughter Grace, now 7 months old. "It's just another thing I love about this kitchen," says Jane. "I wouldn't change a thing." ◆

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Storage is paramount in any compact kitchen. Here, tall pullout pantries are capped by small cupboards with flip-up doors that coax every inch of space into service.

To bring light as far as possible into this row house, designer Alan Field turned almost the entire back wall into glass. Only the sunny yellow cabinets interrupt the grid.

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RIGHT: There are windows both above and below this range hood and short run of wall cabinets. As side windows, they don't get direct sun, but they do bring in indirect light.

BACK IN BUSINESS

A LONG-NEGLECTED KITCHEN IS REVITALIZED WITH A CENTRAL ISLAND

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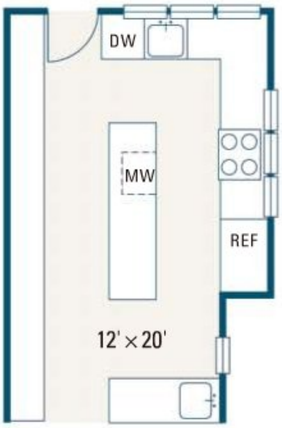
After four decades out of commission, the kitchen in this Washington, D.C., row house has been revived not only as a household nerve center, but also as an incredibly inviting space and an ace location for one woman's artwork.

Because the home's floor plan had been chopped up over the years, the couple—she crafts pieces out of ceramic and glass; he works at the National Institutes of Health—was using a kitchen located on the third floor, according to interior designer Alan Field, ASID, of the Levine Group of Silver Spring, Maryland. "The original kitchen, on the first floor, hadn't been touched in 40 years," he says. "It was used for storing bikes and that sort of thing."

The space where the kitchen belonged presented a challenge for Field, because it also included a set of stairs and a bathroom. "We cleared all that out," Field says, "and moved the

For a less confined feel, the space has few wall cabinets. This bank of storage picks up the slack. A mix of solid and glass doors with open shelves keeps the wall from looking too heavy.



FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

ABOVE: The home's back door opens into the kitchen. The island directs traffic around the cook. The location of the refrigerator lets people come in from the dining room and grab a drink without getting in the way.

powder room to a hall by the center stairway." Another problematic feature of this row house was a small courtyard in the back that made the kitchen narrower than the rest of the structure. "There wasn't a lot of room in the kitchen," Field says. "So we didn't want to put in a ton of wall cabinets." He dedicated the bulk of one wall to storage and put some smaller cabinets over the refrigerator. Several of the units are either open shelves or have glass doors to display the wife's artwork.

In another space-sensitive gesture, Field went easy on color. "We tried to create a very simple palette," he says. The wife told Field she wasn't afraid of using synthetic materials, so he mixed yellow laminate with cherrywood. The back of the glass-door cabinets, the island panels and some cabinet doors are yellow laminate. Other cabinets are cherry veneer, and the island countertop is solid cherry. Stainless steel counters and appliances complete the tranquil, contemporary color scheme.

"Because you only have windows in the front and back," Field says, speaking of row houses, "one of the challenges is bringing light into the center of the space." To

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The countertop and legs of this island are made of cherry, and the doors are clad in yellow laminate. The bamboo flooring coordinates with the ruddy tones of the cherrywood.

One of the homeowners creates pieces of glass and ceramic art, and the kitchen design includes numerous open shelves to display her works.

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MAKE LIGHT OF THINGS

Designer Alan Field not only figured out a way to bring torrents of natural light into this row house kitchen, he also employed a deft touch in creating a breathable space chockablock with subtly useful areas.

A SENSE OF SHELF Field pulled the base cabinets away from the wall in a couple of spots. On the back wall, this shift allowed him to craft a short backsplash and shallow shelf (right), ideal for displaying knickknacks and nurturing potted herbs.

STAINLESS OPERATION Field complemented his low-key palette of yellow and cherry with lots of stainless steel. It's all over the appliances, but it also covers the countertops along the wall (below, left).

A FAUCET THAT FITS The minimalist wall-mounted faucet over the peninsula (below, right) creates a mere blip of an interruption in the open feeling that flows through the kitchen into the adjacent dining room.

conquer this handicap, the designer turned the entire back wall into a grid of windows and glass doors. Along the adjacent wall, there are windows above and below the cabinet over the range. "In a sense, we created a big glass box at the back of the house," he says. "It's mostly windows, with a section of wall."

Field's artificial-light solution dovetails with another obstacle he had to overcome: the unsightly air conditioning system. His answer, a tray ceiling, "works to lower the ceiling, because the ceiling was extremely high," he says. He then echoed that treatment with a hanging tray of lights over the island. "You can light the whole room gently with undercabinet lights, up lights from the tray and display lighting in the glass-door cabinet." The room also sports a slim, elongated pendant that hangs over the island as well as strategically placed recessed canister lights.

A peninsula divides the kitchen from the dining room. Next to it is a refrigerator that people can get to without bothering the cook. Indeed, the wife does like to cook, Field says. With this remodel, she can do so in a space that not only fits the home, but also fits the owners. ◆

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Getting rid of wall cabinets allowed the homeowners space for a big-screen TV and a piece of African artwork. Blue paint offers a cool counterpoint to the rest of the room.

AN OPEN KITCHEN RECONCILES A FAMILY'S REMODELING WISH LIST AND REALITY

WRITTEN BY BILL PARTSCH
PHOTOGRAPHS BY KEN GUTMAKER
STYLED BY LINDA POPE

Two sinks on generous swaths of countertop produce a kitchen where multiple cooks can function just as comfortably as one. The wide aisle between counters allows traffic to flow smoothly.

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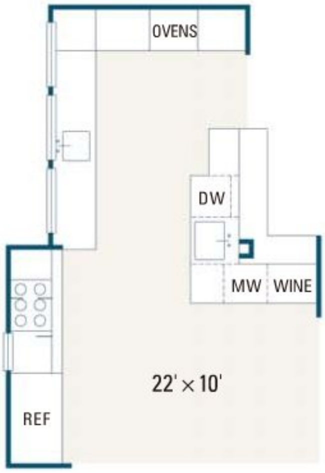

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ABOVE: Acquiring space from an adjacent den allowed the designers to convert a galley kitchen into an open-plan suite, with the island acting as a kind of half wall to create a sense of separate rooms.

RIGHT: The island grows out of one of the columns that support an upstairs loft, an example of making structural requirements work in the design's favor.

Bay Area homeowners Paula Groves and Johnny Hawthorne had a long list of kitchen desires that seemed maddeningly conflicted. They wanted an open space that would also be separated from adjacent rooms. They coveted lots of amenities and copious storage—but they didn't want the room to look overly busy.

To mold these far-flung ideas into a coherent space, the couple turned to Vernon Applegate and Gioi Tran, of Applegate Tran Interiors in San Francisco. They had collected "a gigantic album of pictures from every magazine you can think of," says Johnny. "We didn't put anything in the book unless we both liked it," Paula says. They settled on an African-Asian blend, with unfussy lines and natural, neutral colors.

The old kitchen in their Oakland, California, home was a small galley, isolated from the rest of the house. Into this, the couple envisioned adding a 48-inch cooktop, a built-in refrigerator, multiple sinks, a big-screen TV and lots of storage—but without too much visual clutter.

"I said, 'Wow, you're asking for a lot,'" Tran says. "We had to tell Paula and Johnny that they would have to give up something. Ultimately, they were willing to lose the den to have a bigger kitchen." Indeed, the designers grafted the den/family room onto the existing kitchen, creating a total remodeled space that measures 22×10 feet.

The area gained from this annexation allowed Applegate and Tran to add the amenities Paula

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SO HAPPY TOGETHER
Whether it be the materials in the space or the people in the home, this kitchen is all about encouraging groups to get along harmoniously. Designers Vernon Applegate and Gioi Tran blended convenience and aesthetics to create a very satisfying home environment. Here's how.

COME IN, BUT STAY OUT As part of an open plan, only an island separates the kitchen from the living and dining areas. Thanks to the island's L shape, when someone is cooking in the kitchen, people in the living room can grab a beverage from the wine refrigerator or refresh a tepid hors d'oeuvre or cup of joe at the microwave (below left), all without setting foot in the kitchen proper.

ESTABLISHING A MOOD Earth tones and neutrals dominate the space (the blue wall being the primary exception). The cabinets have a fairly tight wood grain that runs horizontally for a change of pace (below center). In addition to highlighting the slightly washed-out oak, dark stain rubbed into the wood's surface crevices picks up on the absolute black granite countertops. "We decided the horizontal surfaces would be dark so there would be more emphasis on the cabinets," Tran says. The rich mahogany-stained floor is also oak.

GIVE THEM A METAL The earth tone palette was meant to complement stainless steel, which is featured prominently in the appliances, range hood and tambour garage door (below right).

and Johnny wanted. However, the true challenge was beefing up the storage capacity without overwhelming the space. Sacrificing upper cabinets effectively eliminated bulk. To make up for the lost storage, they dedicated an entire end wall to flush-front cabinets, fitted around a pair of wall ovens and a warming drawer.

Some design flourishes make the stretch of clean wall impressive. One is a stainless steel vent hood that extends along an entire run of base cabinets, forming a modernist hearth of sorts. Other features are a piece of African art and a flat-screen TV. The most remarkable facet of the wall, however, is its color—blue. With all the neutral, earthy colors, Tran says, "We thought, Let's contrast that with a cool color on the wall. I have to say they weren't too keen on the idea." In the end, he convinced them. "We didn't want the television to jump out at them when it wasn't on—think about a white wall with a blank black screen on it. Also, in the worst case, if they didn't like it, we could paint over it."

Structural issues also posed challenges. Above the kitchen is a loft, supported by columns that had to stay put. The designers built an island onto one of the columns. "The island creates a barrier," Tran says, "so that you have an open-plan kitchen but with some separation."

Paula admits to "bumps along the way," including construction code changes late in the game and tedious government hassles. She says the fact that she and Johnny teamed up well with the designers and their contractor, Jim Crone of Turlock, California, smoothed things considerably. "I don't look at it as a frustrating process," she says. "It was very, very educational." ◆

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A bank of cabinets wrapped around the ovens and warming drawer compensate for the storage lost when the designers made the wall cabinets disappear.

party central

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AN ELEGANT L-SHAPED KITCHEN SETS A RELAXED BOUNDARY FOR ENTERTAINING

The easygoing elegance of this kitchen can in a large part be attributed to its guest-friendly floor plan: an open L shape, with a dogleg island that gently separates the space.

LEFT: The back side of the island sets up a direct channel to the dining area. Angled conveniently toward the main sink, a second oven saves steps in the large kitchen.

OPPOSITE: The luminous onyx counters add a touch of luxe to the kitchen. Their shine is amplified by the simple glossy tile backsplash and enameled sink.

The homeowners are empty nesters who are more interested in planning parties than preparing pasta, so the 600-square-foot L-shaped country kitchen in their new Westchester County, New York, home has been designed accordingly.

"My wife doesn't cook—she makes reservations," the husband says, laughing. "When we entertain, we do takeout, catered meals or barbecues, so we didn't really want a kitchen that looked or felt like a kitchen."

To give the space all the elegance of a living room and all the efficiency of a prime food-prep area, Donny Crichton, owner of Merrick Kitchen & Bath in Merrick, New York, called for classic maple cabinetry that pairs function and flair. "The cabinetry is like luxurious furniture," he says. "Planning it was like putting together a jigsaw puzzle because every piece of the cabinets had to fit with the coffered ceiling."

The delight is in the details: A monumental arched valance stretches over the sink; a bilevel island sports a hefty butcher block attached at a space-defining dogleg angle; and beaded insets mark the cabinet doors. The appliances are grandly integrated into the scheme, with a lighted display shelf and cove, complete with curvaceous corbels over the color-coordinated eight-burner range and a set of elaborately paneled doors that conceal the large built-in refrigerator.

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A spacious kitchen like this one can handle multiple focal points; they break down the experience of the space into individual moments. The main range, set in a carefully composed alcove, is one such spot.

"We selected glass-paneled doors for some of the wall cabinets so my wife can display her collection of china and glassware," the husband says. "The pieces are all different colors, and especially when they are illuminated at night, they really do set the mood for a party."

The kitchen is positioned to play the perfect host. French doors open to the Olympic-size swimming pool, and the rest of the space flows into the family room, where guests gather. A 42-inch flat-screen television, along with two others in the family room, keeps the couple informed of current events and provides entertainment for visitors, and a desk at the end of the glass-topped dining table becomes an ideal spot for catching up on correspondence.

When the couple does indulge in some homecooking, the appliances, which include a separate freezer drawer, two dishwashers and a second oven, are ready and waiting.

"The kitchen is lovely," the husband says, adding that it so hardly resembles a place to prepare meals that he rarely calls it by that name. "We feel like we are living in a hotel. But we still have to do our own room service." ◆

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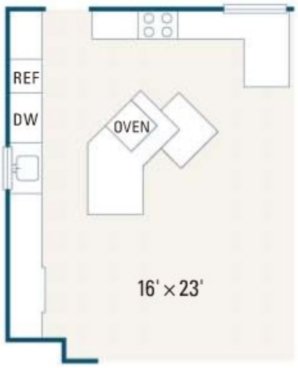
STORAGE WITH STYLE

Whether a kitchen is designed for a single cook or a troupe of caterers, adequate storage is a must. Drawers of all sizes, ranging from small apothecary models incorporated into the range hood mantel (below) to extra-deep units for pots and pans, are quickly supplanting hinged cabinets, owing to their flexibility and ease of use.

Behind the traditional-style cabinetry (above), with its fluted pilasters, turned legs and finger-friendly bin pulls, there's a wealth of modern storage conveniences. In the hutch unit adjacent to the dining table, a trio of sliding trays is concealed by a hinged door. Unfettered access to the microwave is achieved by opening two flipper panels, whose doors retract into the sides of the cabinet.



ABOVE: Circulation is free and easy in this kitchen, thanks to the strategic design of the island. A bent form is less formidable or barrierlike than a straight block.

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

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Whether your priority is pragmatic storage or soothing spa style, these baths fit the bill.

Bath essentials are kept in the bowfront cabinet at one end of the dual vanities. The dividing wall is ¾-inch glass sandwiched between two mirrors.

A SURPRISING FLOOR PLAN FOR A TWO-PERSON BATH

MIRRORED IMAGE

WRITTEN BY MERVYN KAUFMAN
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Three stainless steel shelf units are attached to a clear-glass wall beside the entrance to the tile shower. The same configuration exists inside the shower as well.

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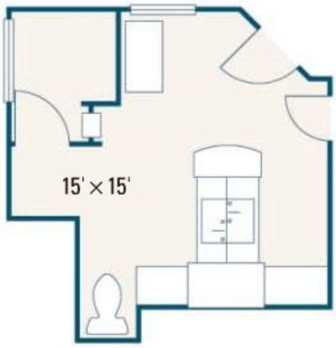
BACK-TO-BACK NICHES divided by a thick wall of glass provide open storage on the outside of the shower wall (left) and inside the shower as well—for sponges, shampoos, soaps and a few favored objects. The niches were created in what could have been wasted or unused space.

A SHARED SINK (above) exists for the two facing vanities. It extends beneath the dividing wall, its V-shaped bottom directing water into a common drain. A drawback to the design: the sink can't be stoppered.

Interior designer Lori Carroll received a dream invitation from her clients: Be creative. From working with them on previous projects, she knew the couple wanted something unique for their master bath remodel. She also knew that it had to suit the empty-nest lifestyle of homeowners who had already spent five years in their Southwestern-style stucco residence in Tucson, Arizona, where Lori Carroll and Associates is also located. Despite her free reign for creative design, she knew the bath presented some challenges. "My clients wanted more countertop space and more storage, as well as amenities for two, but I knew I couldn't add to the room's size or change its shape," Carroll says. In a space measuring nearly 15×15 feet, minus a notched-out corner doorway, there was ample wiggle room. "The house was only 15 years old, but that bathroom seemed dated and did not have very good use of space." In designing the upgrade, Carroll knew that a lavishly scaled shower would be more significant to the couple than an oversize bathtub. After gutting the space, she positioned a new rectangular shower exactly where the old tub had been.

A prime concern was having a space that would serve two people. Carroll designed two vanities placed back to back and created two sets of shelves, installed the same way. And to make the space more conducive to lounging, she included benches: a tiled one in the shower and an upholstered seat outside it. "I made the room more comfortable and contemporary using natural, earthy materials," says Carroll. ◆

BELOW: Having the door to the bathroom on an angled wall frees up the floor plan considerably.



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Brushed nickel fittings are mounted on stainless steel above a limestone sink big enough to service facing vanities. The countertop is also limestone; the custom cabinetry is alder.

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LEFT: The toilet sits beside the glassed-in shower, which dominates one corner of the room, just inside the door. Radiant heating, installed under the floor, provides warm comfort any time of year. The ottoman moves where needed, for drying off or putting on footwear.

RIGHT: A space-saving pocket door—a panel of translucent glass in a wood frame—slides open to reveal the windowed bathroom, whose centerpiece is a freestanding tub. On the floor and halfway up each wall are random-size marble tiles; their color variations reflect those found in nature.

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Alex Kaganov likes hotel baths. "When it came time to do the master bathroom in our new house," she says, "I knew I wanted something elegant but simple, like a hotel bathroom, nothing fancy." The house that she and her husband, Stephen, built for themselves and their young family is in Blair Hill, a residential community developed in the late 1950s just outside Calgary, Alberta, with views of the mighty Canadian Rockies some 80 miles away.

There had been a house on the site, a bungalow that was transformed into a two-story modernist structure 30 years ago. The Kaganovs thought of remodeling it until they consulted with architectural designer Marvin DeJong, of DeJong Design Associates, in Calgary. Looking over the sloping site and knowing what his clients had in mind, DeJong urged them to let him tear the old house down and build exactly what they wanted. Which is what they did.

Working with the Kaganovs, DeJong designed a two-story contemporary house whose 4,200 square feet included three bedrooms, a study and a stair hall with a skylight above. For the homeowners, the master bath was a particular focus. "The intent was for the master bath to have the view," says the designer. "The roof of the house is a monopitch; its spine goes north and south. We torqued the roof over so that the western side is higher than the middle. The bath sits between the master bedroom on one side and a large closet on the other."

A freestanding tub is the centerpiece of the nearly square space, with daylight pouring in through a window wall and a corner window as well. A huge mirror over the custom vanity makes the space feel larger and reflects even more sunlight.

"The windows here are fixed," says Alex. The bottom portion of each one is frosted for privacy in the daytime; the roll-down wooden blinds give privacy in the evening and also add a little warmth to the room. "This is really a family bath. Everyone usually gathers here, mornings and evenings, the kids either making faces in the mirror or lying on the heated floor." ◆

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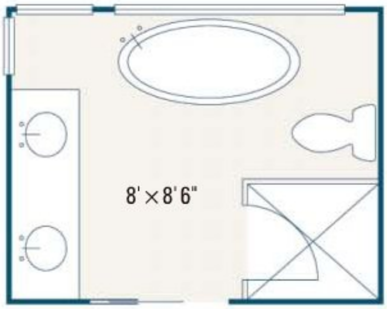

ABOVE: A logical layout gives the bath room for his-and-hers sinks, a toilet and shower, plus a freestanding tub set under the most expansive window.

LEFT: Limestone tops the custom double vanity and elegantly surrounds its undermount sinks. An overhanging lip gives the countertop the illusion of being a very thick slab.

design points

REMODEL OR REBUILD?

When a remodel won't address critical shortcomings, it's time to consider a rebuild. The homowners pondered a renovation, says designer DeJong, but everyone realized "too much would have had to be changed to make it workable." Here are a couple of determining factors.

COST CONCERNS "In most cases, you spend the same amount on a compromise renovation as you would on a new house," DeJong says.

NOT ALWAYS A JOB WELL DONE DeJong bemoans the fact that he finds "incredibly bad workmanship" in some remodels. "You have to fix these problems, which can be cost prohibitive and extend construction," he says.

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Hollywood Ending
Pages 86–91

Designer, Veronica Hobson, Taproot Designs. ***Contractor***, About Face Kitchens. ***Cooktop***, wall oven, Thermador. ***Microwave***, Dacor. ***Refrigerator***, Sub-Zero. ***Sinks***, Shaws Original, Rohl. ***Faucets***, Rohl. ***Dishwasher***, Asko. ***Backsplash tile***, Walker Zanger. ***Lighting***, Lester Harry's. ***Cabinet hardware***, Restoration Hardware.

Back in Business
Pages 92–97

Architect and contractor, The Levine Group Architects and Builders. ***Lead designer***, Alan Field ASID. ***Cabinets***, The Corsi Group. ***Cabinet detail***, Juarez Flower laminate, Wilsonart. ***Range***, Dynamic Cooking Systems, Inc. ***Microwave***, Sharp. ***Refrigerator***, LG Electronics. ***Sinks***, Blanco. ***Faucets***, Kohler. ***Dishwasher***, KitchenAid. ***Stainless steel counter surfacing***, AK Metal Fabricators. ***Backsplash***, Summit, Ann Sacks. ***Kitchen pendant***, Lightology. ***Recessed lighting***, Lightolier. ***Cabinet lights***, Sea Gull Lighting. ***Cabinet hardware***, Hafele. ***Paint***, Benjamin Moore.

California Compromise
Pages 98–103

Designer, Applegate Tran Interiors. ***Cabinetry***, rift sawn white oak, Design in Wood. ***Hardware***, Hafele. ***Cooktop***, Viking. ***Hood***, custom, Vent-A-Hood. ***Microwave***, Monogram, GE. ***Double oven***, Miele. ***Warming drawer***, Miele. ***Refrigerators***, Monogram, GE. ***Prep sink***, Franke. ***Faucets***, Grohe. ***Sink disposer***, In-Sink-Erator. ***Soap dispenser***, Grohe. ***Lighting***, ***suspension lighting***, Mendrisio fixture, Policelli; ***pendant lights***, Freejack pinnacle glass, Policelli. ***Bar stools***, Skaar. ***Paint***, Benjamin Moore.

Party Central
Pages 104–109

Designer, Merrick Kitchen and Bath and LaGudi Design. ***Contractor***, Merrick Kitchen and Bath and LaGudi Design. ***Cabinets***, Misty Yellow glazed, Quality Custom Cabinetry. ***Ranges***, Viking. ***Microwave***, GE. ***Refrigerator***, Sub-Zero. ***Sink***, Rohl. ***Dishwasher***, Miele. ***Cabinet hardware in satin nickel***, Top Knobs.

Mirrored Image
Pages 112–115

Designer and contractor, Lori Carroll & Associates. ***Cabinets***, butternut finish, Monarch Cabinetry. ***Sink***,

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Quiet Beauty
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Designer, DeJong Design Associates. ***Contractor***, Gordon Beames, Argos-Mission Construction Services. ***Cabinets***, Trian Custom Cabinet Makers. ***Antique white cabinet paint***, Pratt & Lambert. ***Cabinet hardware***, Spalding Hardware. ***Tub***, UltraBain. ***Tub faucet***, Axor Starck, Hansgrohe. ***Sink faucet and shower fittings***, Hansgrohe. ***Shower enclosure and door***, Urban Glassworks. ***Lighting***, McIntyre Bills Corporation. ***Flooring***, City Tile Design Studio.

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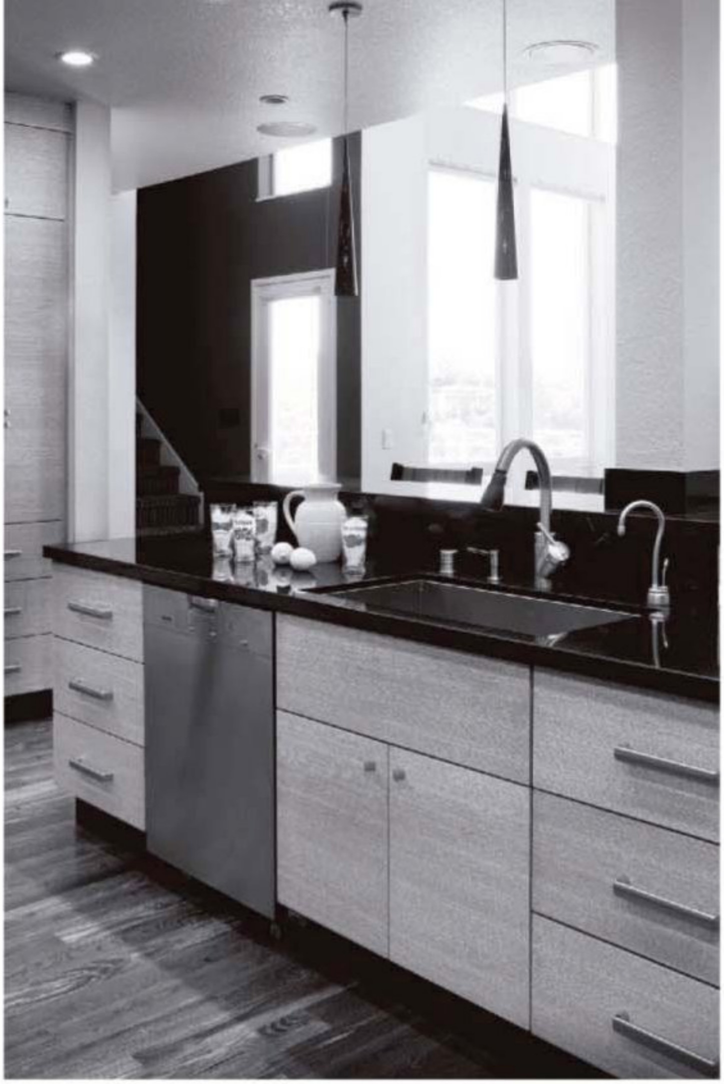

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